Marto to negotiate debt-equity swap

AMMAN (Petra) - The Cabinet Tuesday okayed the formation of a Jordanian delegation headed by Michel Marto, deputy governor of the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ), to hold talks on Sept. 16 to 20 with French officials on a debt-equity swap involving about \$70 million and to take part in an Afro-Arab dialogue which will be held in Pretoria from Oct. 6 to 11. Meeting under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker the Cabinet endorsed an agreement under which the government will grant two loans totalling 18 million European currency units (ECUs), granted by the European Investment Bank (EIB), to the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) to finance water and sewerage projects in Mafraq and Ajloun governorates. The Cabinet also approved the special arrangements reached between the Jordanian and German governments to reduce by DM50 million (JD55 million) in Jodan's debt of DM140 million to Germany, and authorised the finance minister to sign an agreement in this respect. The Cabinet also approved the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources' revised regulation under which four new departments will be created.

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#### \_\_King meets kish farmer the U.S. delegation

tion from the U.S. National Public Prosecutors Association, currently on a visit to Jordan. The King reviewed with the delegation the Middie East peace process, noting Jordan's important role in the search for a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the region. King Hussein stressed that peace will enable the countries of the region to pursue development and ensure a better future for their future generations. The audience was attended by the Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem and the U.S. charge d'affaires in Amman.

#### De Charette due here on Monday

AMMAN (Petra) - French Foreign Minister Herve de day for talks with his Jorda-Sunday before coming to not comment on the content of Mr. De Charette's planned talks with his Jordanian and Egyptian counterparts.

### Tehran statement

AMMAN (J.T) - The Islamic Action Front (IAF) on Tuesday welcomed the Tehran Declaration issued at the end of the meetings of the foreign ministers of Syria. Turkey and Iran and called on signatories of the declaration to seek an end to the embargo on Iraqis. In a state-ment issued Tuesday, the IAF voiced support for the declaration, which called for safeguarding Iraq's unity and rejecting any foreign in-tervention in its internal affairs, and demanding an end to the sanctions on the iragi people. The IAF said such sanctions represent a "disgrace for humanity and a condemnation of the world conscience." The IAF reaffirmed its rejection of the United Nations Security Gouncil decision on Friday to renew the sanctions on Iraq. This council has failed to deal seriously with Arab and Islamic issues in Palestine, Bosnia and the Chechen Republic," the statement said. it called on Arab and Islamic governments to break the enbargo on Iraq and urged political parties and Arab and Muslim parliamentarians to pressure their governments to put an end to sanctions and to foil any attempt to intertere in Iraq's internal affairs.

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### Gunmen execute 6

imams in Mogadishu MOGADISHU (AFP) -Gunnen executed six imams The state of the s in south Mogadishu Tuesday and rival sub-clans fought with heavy weapons, leaving an Alexander Hall one man dead and three Younded. Witnesses saw the gunmen round up the imams from the mosque and shoot them in a nearby building. The state of the same in all all all all Reliable sources said the executions were in retaliation for the rape of dozens of women over the past week on the road between Mogadishu and Baidoa.

#### King inquires after Saleh's health

'AMMAN (Petra) — His

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein on Tuesday received a delega-

Charette arrives here Monnian counterpart Abdul Karim Al Kabariti, a French spokesman said. The French minister will visit Cairo on Amman. The spokesman did

### IAF welcomes

#### 11 killed in Algiers **SWeep**

PARIS (R) — Algerian security forces swept through the streets of three districts of the capital, Algiers, at dawn on Tuesday and killed 11 guerrillas, residents of the city said. They said security forces cordonned off Faris-Vallon, Jabal Koukou and Diar Al Kef, three areas overlooking the militant bas-tion of Bab Al Oued.

His Majesty King Hussein on Tuesday confers in appreciation of his efforts to bolster upon Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez Jordanian-Spanish relations (Photo by Yousef the distinguished Jordanian Al-Nahda Medal -Allan)

# EU committed to Mideast development and help for Jordan, Gonzalez affirms

Spanish premier says Europe will play active part in MENA summit

By P.V. Vivekanand

Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN - Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez left Amman for Syria on Tuesday after talks here that dealt with Jordanian-Spanish relations, European Union (EU) support for the Middle East peace process, the Middle East and North Africa economic summit, and EU plans to deepen its relations with non-

Mediterranean region. During his meetings with His Majesty King Hussein, His Roval Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Prime

EU countries in the

### King: Policy on Iraq remains unchanged

KING HUSSEIN on Tuesday reiterated that Jordan's policy towards Iraq remains unchanged and reaffirmed that the Kingdom would do whatever it could to help alleviate

the suffering of the Iraqi people.

"Our duties towards the Iraqi people have guided us all these years, to do whatever was possible and is possible to alleviate their suffering," the King told a joint press conference he held with Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez. "For those who suggest there is a change in our policy, I'd like to point out that our policy has been

The King reiterated that Jordan had no intention to close its borders with Iraq and pledged that the Kingdom would continue to send food and medicine and other items to the

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# PLO jails in Jericho two men 'wanted' by Israel

JERICHO (Agencies) — A Palestinian military tribunal sentenced two Palestinians to seven years in prison in what Israel asserted Tuesday what an apparent ploy to prevent the defendants' extradition to Israel.

The two men are sought by Israel on suspicion that they killed two Jewish hikers this

The affair further undermined confidence between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as the two sides were trying to wrap up an agreement on expanding Palestinian selfrule in the West Bank.

The Palestinians' actions so angered Israeli legislators from both the governing coalition and the opposition that they called parliament out of recess for a special debate next week.

Israel and the Palestinians have been playing a cat-andmouse game over the extradi-

SARAJEVO (Agencies) -

Explosions resounded north

of Sarajevo Tuesday as North

Atlantic Treaty Organisation

(NATO) warplanes pressed

their attack on the Bosnian

"Bosnian Serb army milit-

ary installations have been

targeted around the city of

U.N. spokesman Alexander

Ivanko said Tuesday.

Another U.N. spokesman

said the targets were

ammunition dumps which

escaped earlier bombing

Sources in the Bosnian

Serb stronghold of Pale,

southeast of Sarajevo, said

the ammunition site was.

"levelled" in the overnight

While Moscow and Serb

political leaders accused

Sarajevo early this morning,

Serbs.

raids.

sought refuge in the PLO-run enclave of Jericho, Israel Radio said Tuesday. The report said some of the

West Bank security chief, rogations, the report said. Binyamin Ben-Eliezeer said of Tuesday's standoff. "This

trial in Israel." Israel has used different

bombing in Jerusalem. tion of Palestinians suspected The Palestinians refused,

of carrying out attacks on Israelis.

Israeli security sources said at least 13 suspects have

suspects had even been recruited by Yasser Arafat's Jibril Rajoub. One fugitive was put in charge of inter-"This is very grave," Israeli Housing Minister

is part of the conditions of the (peace) agreement... we have to put them (the suspects) on

means of pressure. Last month, the army closed Jericho for a week in an attempt to have the Palestinians hand over two suspects in a deadly Aug. 21 bus

NATO's two-week bombing

campaign of jeopardising the

revived peace process, U.N.

peacekeepers said the di-

vidend of air strikes had been

to make besieged Sarajevo

gunfire wounded eight peo-

nle aboard a bus in city on

Monday evening, Mr. Ivanko

become a much safer place

than it was two weeks ago.

Firing incidents have de-

creased from the thousands

to the lower hundreds... but

now they are associated more

The Russian Foreign

Ministry accused the West on

'Monday of using the Bosnian

conflict as a testing ground

for new ways of imposing its

will in post-cold war Europe.

with NATO air strikes."

"The city of Sarajevo has

told reporters.

Although suspected Serb

and instead the two were sentenced by the Jericho military tribunal, making extradition impossible.

In recent days, Israeli officials began linking the possible release of Palestinian detainees held by Israel to the extradition of Palestinian suspects hiding in Jericho.
"There is a kind of link

between their (the Palestinians') demand to release prisoners and our demand to hand over murderers," said Police Minister Moshe Shahal. "There is a link and we can't ignore it."

Some 6,000 Palestinians are being held by Israel, and Palestinian negotiators have demanded that all be freed as part of the West Bank autonomy accord.

In the latest incident. Israel was preparing to request the extradition of two Palestinians wanted in the killing of two Israeli hikers in July.

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Russian delegates at the

United Nations have circu-

lated a draft resolution to

Security Council members

calling for the immediate sus-

pension of NATO air strikes

and demanding that all Bos-

U.S. officials admit con-

nian factions stop fighting.

cern over Russian criticism

since the United States added

its cruise missiles to the high-

tech firepower pounding the

But they also say that

Washington is now thinking

of throwing its radar-evading

"Stealth" warplanes into the

A source at NATO head-

quarters said the United

States wants to station the

F-117 Stealth fighters at

Aviano air base in Italy for

use against the Serbs, but the

Italians had not given permis-

# Sultan Qaboos unharmed, Zawawi killed in accident

tan Qaboos Ben Said of Oman left hospital in good health on Tuesday after a car accident ! nat killed a deputy prime minister of the country, the Oman News Agency

\_It said well-wishers held an all-night vigil and slaughtered sheep at the gates of the hospital where Sultan Qaboos had tests after Monday night's accident, which occurred when his car was hit by another vehicle.

Qais Ben Abdul Moneim Al Zawawi, deputy prime minister for financial and economic affairs, died in the accident in Salalah, around 1.000 kilometres south of the capital Muscat, an Omani official said. The Omani official who

asked not to be named said a Toyotoa Land Cruiser slammed i.t. the back of the BMW 750 driven by Sultan Qaboos who had stopped to speak to an Omani who had flagged him down. The Omani News Agency

Oais Zawawi

said an Omani stopped the Sultan's car, apparently to lodge a complaint. "As accustomed of His

Majesty he stopped to listen to this national, at that moment another national's car came speeding in the same direction unaware of His Majesty's car stopping by and

#### King condoles **Sultan Qaboos** over Zawawi

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein on Tuesday sent a cable to Sultan Qaboos, expressing deep pain and sorrow over the death of Qais Ben Abdul Moneim Al Zawawi. He also congratulated the

Sultan on his safety. His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad also sent a cable to Sultan Qaboos expressing condolences over the death of the minister and congratulating the Sultan on his escape.

crashed into the Sultan's car," the agency said. Zawawi, 60, was sitting in

the back seat. The official said it was an accident and ruled out any -criminal motive.

The government released a statement later saying Zawawi had died but did not link



Sultan Qaboos

and 1982.

his death to the accident. Mr. Zawawi, a wealthy businessman and father of eight children, was deputy premier since 1982 after serving as minister of state for foreign affairs between 1973

A palace statement late Monday said Sultan Qaboos emerged unscathed from the

It also said the Sultan, who was travelling with some of his ministers, stopped his car in a Salalah street to listen to

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# Jordan assails Libyan ouster of Palestinians

AMMAN (Agencies) — Jordan on Tuesday slammed Libya's expulsion of hundreds of Palestinians as officials confirmed dozens had arrived at the port of Aqaba.

Jordan admitted 188 with Jordanian passports on Monday but refused entry to 12 other Palestinians in the group because they had no Jordanian papers, an Egyp-

The 12 were among 200 Palestinians who crossed the border into Egypt on Sunday, saying they had been rounded up by Libyan police and forced out of the country.

They then travelled to the. Egyptian Red Sea port of Nuweibeh and caught the ferry in Aqaba. Tripoli's decision to expel

Palestinians and other Arab workers was slammed by Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Al Kabariti.

"The drive to expel Arab workers from Libya is an astonishing, deplorable and totally unjustified measure," he told the Al Aswaq daily Tuesday. "It also goes against basic laws and ethics.

But he stressed: "Palestinians holding Jordanian passports can enter Jordan free-

Libya began expelling Palestinians at the start of the month after its leader Moammad Qadhafi urged Arab states to force their resident Palestinians to return to Gaza and the West Bank, to illustrate the "failure" of Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) self-rule accords.

Lebanon, home to nearly 300,000 Palestinians, has closed shipping routes to Libya and imposed entry visa restrictions on Palestinians

- one of the most advanced

attack planes in the world -

suggests NATO is ready to

escalate its raids if negotia-

tions with the Bosnian Serbs

do not progress. The planes,

virtually undetectable by

radar and highly precise,

attack Baghdad.

were used in the Gulf war to

CNN reported that Italy

was balking in an effort to be

admitted as a full member of

the international team nego-

tiating a settlement in Bos-

nia. The NATO source in

Brussels, who spoke on con-

dition of anonymity, would

not disclose further details.

on the Serbs," Bosnian Serb

leader Radovan Karadzic

said in an open letter to U.S.

President Bill Clinton, Rus-

'NATO has declared war

expelled by Tripoli, even those with Lebanese travel documents.

A third of the 30,000 Palestinians living in Libya have Lebanese travel docu-

At the Salloum, crossing between Libya and Egypt, some 32 Palestinian families have been stranded for more than two weeks after Tripoli ejected them and Cairo refused them entry, witnesses

They totalled about 100. people, an AFP correspondent at the Salloum border post said.

"Libva threw us out after we had lived there 15 years and Egypt is not willing to let us enter." Essam Abdul Rahman, one of the Palestinians,

"So we've been here living in camps for the past 15

days," he said. Egyptian Foreign Ministry political advisor Nabil Fehmi said the situation was "regrettable," but did not confirm that Egypt had denied them entry.

"Egypt is working to solve the problem but there is no specific mechanism to do so," Mr. Fahmi said.

The Palestinian representative to the Arab League in Cairo, Mohammad Subeih said only: "Egypt is following the situation and is very serious about it."

\*We have asked Egypt to intervene" with Tripoli to stop the expulsions, he said, adding that Palestinian contacts with Libya had so far 'received no response.'

Eleven other families have also been camped for at least six days at the Rafah crossing into the Gaza Strip, having

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#### NATO pounds Serb depots; U.S. may bring in Stealth sia's Boris Yeltsin and Bri-The use of Stealth Aircraft tain's John Major.

Mr. Karadzić said NATO air and missile attacks called into question whether the Serbs could carry on with talks launched in Geneva on Friday to end the conflict in Bosnia.

"In the light of the continuing attacks, at the receiving end of which are mostly civilians, the republika Srpska (Serb republic) may well have to reconsider its further participation in peace talks," Mr. Karadzic said in the letter

The Geneva talks yielded a verbal agreement providing for the Serbs and the rival Muslim-Croat federation to share the internationally recognised state of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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### Meeting grapples with defining the 'displaced'

By Nermeen Murad Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan, Israel, EEgypt and the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) on Tuesday held their fourth round of talks on the fate of Palestinians displaced in the 1967 Middle East war.

"This committee is charged with the technical task of facilitating the displaced Palestinians' right to return to the West Bank and Gaza Strip," said Ambassador Mohammad Shahankari, head of the Jordanian delegation to the meeting.

"This delegation is not discussing whether displaced Palestinians have the right to return," Mr. Shahankari said adding that the four-member meeting was "looking for mechanisms and ways for their return and who exactly

Chief Palestinian negotiator Zuhdi Said told his counterparts at the start of the meeting that he expected to receive a positive response from the Israeli delegation regarding a comprehensive

will return.

definition of the displaced person."

A meeting in Gaza last month failed to reach a common definition, necessary for the two sides to agree on the number of Palestinians eligible to return to the West Bank and Gaza under the Israeli-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) peace deal signed two years ago this

week. The Palestinians have not put forward their own definition of a displaced person but were "requesting a solution in a positive and objective way for the interest of peace between our people," Mr. Said said.

Displaced Palestinians are those who left the West Bank and Gaza Strip after the 1967 war as opposed to Palestinian refugees who left Palestine in the 1948 war.

"This committee only discusses the fate of the displaced Palestinians. As for the refugees, their problem has been postponed until final status talks planned for

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#### Jordan and Iraq plan to build refinery at Aqaba

BAGHDAD (Agencies) --Iraq and Jordan have agreed to construct a refinery at Agaba with an initial capacity of 140,000 barrels per day (bpd), Baghdad newspapers said on Tuesday.

They also agreed to construct a joint pipeline with an initial capacity of 100,000 bpd that could be boosted to 350,000 bpd.

The papers said the projects were part of an energy and oil pact signed following a visit to Iraq by Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Sameh Darwazeh. Iraq gave Mr. Darwazeh.

who returned to Amman late Tuesday, a red-carpet welcome. He met ministers of industry and minerals, trade "Intensive contacts were carried out (during the visit) which resulted ... in the

foundation of a joint refinery in Aqaba with a capacity of 100,000 bpd that could be increased to 250,000 and the extension of a pipeline to Zarga with a total capacity of 350,000 bpd," the papers said, quoting Iraq's Oil Minister Amer Rasheed.

The two sides agreed to start implementation of the pipeline once studies are completed. The papers did

not say how the project, estimated to cost \$500 million.

would be funded. Trade with Iraq, apart from urgent humanitarian needs, is banned under U.N. trade sanctions imposed for its 1990 invasion of Kuwait. But shipments of oil to Jordan are exempt from the curbs.

Mr. Darwazeh told the Jordan Times that the pipeline was one of the most impor-. tant projects between the two countries.

In two months, the two countries will start working out the necessary studies for the project, he said.

He said that the agreement also provides for other projects such as the creation of a company to conduct studies on oil prospecting and offer its services to the two countries as well as to the other

Arab states. Mr. Darwazeh said the first project to be undertaken by the company is to carry out a feasibility study on the oil

pipeline to Jordan. The minister confirmed that the two sides also agreed on conducting studies on the setting up of a petroleum refinery at Aqaba, which, he

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#### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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ples' "sovereignty over their

homeland and their right to

self-determination and estab-

lishment of an independent

state with (Jerusalem) as its

capital are of crucial import-

ance for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East."

Farouq Kaddoumi, head of

the Political Department of

the Palestine Liberation

Organisatioon (PLO), ac-

cused Israel of stalling in the

talks with the Palestinian

National Authority (PNA)

for extending self-rule

beyond the Gaza Strip and

the West Bank city of

on the Palestinian track in-

creases our belief that the

rulers of Israel are unwilling

for peace," he told the

Syrian Information Minis-

ter Mohammad Salman said his country "has affirmed its

belief in a just and compre-

hensive peace as a strategic

option that cannot be

achieved with the continued

occupation of the land."

"The continued faltering

Jericho.

gathering.

# **OIC** marks anniversary voicing support for Bosnia

nisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), which represents one billion Muslims, marked its 25th anniversary on Monday with a commitment to continue supporting fellow Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The celebration in the Saudi Arabian port city of Jeddah was attended by delegates from the OIC's 51 member states under the slogan of Solidarity with the People of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

. An OIC declaration reaffirmed the member states' support to Bosnian Muslims in their fight against Serb forces but fell short of spelling out practical steps to help

Bosnian ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Senahid Bistric told Reuters that if current peace efforts led by the United States failed "we will ask them (OIC members) to arm the Bosnian army and to provide us with all kinds of aid." Muslim states have been sending financial aid to Bos-

atedly urged the U.N. to lift an arms embargo against the Muslim-led Bosnian government but none has publicly said they will send it arms.

The OIC declaration said the member states "strongly condemned the continuing Serbian aggression against the Republic of Bosnia-. Herzegovina and noncompliance by the Serbs of international resolutions."

But it did not refer to a decision by an OIC contact group in Geneva in July de-claring the U.N. arms embargo as invalid. The OIC, which tries to

mediate mainly in conflicts among Muslims, was created in 1969 following an arson fire at Al Aqsa Mosque, Islam's third holiest shrine, in East Jerusalem which was seized by Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

The declaration said all Israeli-occupied Arab land, including East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and South Lebanon must be handed

# Arab delegations review action plan for women

the unity of Arab ranks and

the importance of family in

The declaration calls for

BEIJING (Petra) — Her under focus at the meeting. Royal Highness Princess Bas- The deciaration stresse, ma, chairperson of the coordination committee of Arab delegations participating in the U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women, on Tuesday chaired a meeting of the delegations to review decisions and recommendations by Arab technical committees on an action plan and its points of convergence with

the Islamic Sharia. The meeting also reviewed issues which aroused controversy when the conference's draft document was prepared in New York. A declaration by the Arab non-governmental organisations (NGOs) forum was also

of the Vienna conference and the International Conference on Human Rights, which convened in 1993, as well as the declaration by the World Population Conference which was convened in Cairo in 1994 in addition to recom-

held in Copenhagen earlier

urged conferees not to divide Princess Basma also rethe Arab region into African ceived at her residence in the and Asian. It also underlines Chinese capital the president and members of the board of the society and stressed the the international Young importance of women's parti-Women's Christian Associacipation in the development tion (YWCA) participating in he conference.

Princess Basma highlighted adherence to the action plans the important role the society plays in serving local communities, especially in aspects related to women and briefed them on women's achievements in the Jordamian society in terms of partimendations by the Social De- process and decision-making.

#### Anti-Islamist hawk to stand in Algerian poll lence before any election is

PARIS (R) — A fierce opponent of Muslim fundamentalists, Said Saadi, said on Monday he would stand in Algeria's presidential election scheduled for November.

Mr. Said, leader of the Berber-dominated Rally for Culture and Democracy (RCD) told a press conference in Algiers: "I stand for the election because I believe that against the candidates of the system, democratic opposition must run for this competition — competition which is the truit of our strug-

Main opposition parties have dismissed the poll and urged President Liamine Zeroual to open negotiations with Muslim fundamentalist leaders to stifle political vio-

Guerrillas have vowed to wreck the polls and in recent weeks have increased car-

bombings and other attacks More than 30,000 people have been killed in the nearly four years of virtual civil war between the army-backed government and the guerrillas. The strife broke out when the authorities cancelled an election which the fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) was poised

The government hopes the election will be a step towards resolving the conflict A dozen politicians have announced their intention to compete, including former Prime Minister Redha Malek

#### Peace Watch says attacks on Israelis go up by 73% Japan to give \$18m to UNRWA

AMMAN (J.T.) — The government of Japan has pledged \$18 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for 1995. The pledge from Japan includes \$11 million for the agency's regular programme in 1995 and \$500,000 for university scholarships for

Palestine refugee students, a UNRWA press release said. Japan has also pledged \$6.5 million to the agency's Peace Implementation Programme (PIP), including \$4.2 million for the Gaza Strip to construct and equip three new schools and to improve sewerage and drainage in Beach Camp. The balance of \$2.3 million has been allocated to PIP projects in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the West Bank.

Projects include constructing and equipping libraries and science laboratories in UNRWA schools as well as upgrading\_workshop equipment at the agency's Wadi Seer Training Centre in Jordan; upgrading solid waste disposal equipment and improving water supply for refugee camps in Syria as well as other projects in Lebanon and the West Bank.

The government of Japan

assistance to UNRWA valued at about \$9.1 million for 1995 and contributed \$2 million towards the relocation of the agency's headquarters to the area of operations. The new pledge brings to \$29.1 million the pledges and contributions received by UNRWA from the govern-ment of Japan in 1995.

In 1994 Japan ranked as the second largest single country donor to UNRWA. after the United States. With this pledge, Japan is also the second largest donor for Phase II of PIP so far.

#### EIGHTY-THREE Israelis were killed in attacks over earlier contributed food

the past year, while one Palestinian was killed by Israeli civilians, Peace Watch said Sunday. The list does not include

the killing of Salaman Azamarch in Halhoul on Friday morning, since it has not yet been determined conclusively who is responsible.

The list was released to mark the second anniversary. of the signing of the Oslo accords and the exchange of letters between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat on Sept. 9, 1993.

According to Peace Watch figures, the number of Israelis killed in attacks has risen by 73 per cent since the letters were signed compared with the previous two years. There have been 149 Israelis killed in attacks since the agreement - 66 the first year and 83 the second - compared to 86 in the two years

The report shows a sharp drop in the number of Palestinians killed in clashes with the Israeli security forces. From October 1993 to August 1995, 159 Palestinians were killed in clashes, while from October 1991 to October 1993, the number stood at 264.

prior to it.

Peace Watch found that the number of lethal attacks on Jews decreased last year, from 44 in 1993-94 to 20 in 1994-95. The reason for the larger number of fatalities is because of the more lethal nature of suicide bombings, which increased this past

According to the organisation, Hamas was responsible for 85 of the killings since the agreement, and Fatch for

One Palestinian was killed in unprovoked attacks last year, 38 the year before including the Hebron massacre in which Baruch Goldstein killed 29 - seven in 1992-1993, and none of the year before that.

The organisation's figures showed a dramatic drop of violent acts — petrol bombs, shots being fired and roadside explosives — in Gaza over the last four years, with the number dropping from 1,091 between October 1991 and October 1992, to 84 from October 1994 to August 1995. Peace Watch attributed this to the decrease in IDF and Jewish presence in Gaza.

During the same period, the same violent type of acts in the West Bank dropped from 1,535 to 422 — The Jerusalem Post.

# Mestiri to renew Afghan mission

ISLAMABAD (R) - U.N. envoy Mahmoud Mestiri plans soon to resume his peace mission to Afghanistan, where the government is under renewed military pressure from the Taliban ernment in April, 1992. Islamic militia, a U.N. offi-

cial said on Monday. The Islamabad-based official said Mr. Mestiri would begin an extended stay in Afghanistan in just over a week's time and would base himself in the eastern city of

"His objective remains a peaceful settlement in Afghanistan. He will first try to see what shape events are taking and then move," said the official, who asked not to be named. To assist Mr. Mestiri, four

U.N. political officers are to take up new posts in Kabul, Herat, Kandahar and Mazare-Sharif to keep in daily contact with various Afghan factions. Mr. Mestiri's latest mission

follows the collapse in March of his bid to arrange an agreed transfer of power from President Burhanuddin Rabbani to an interim coun-

His proposals foundered took part in the arrange-

The Talibans declined, saying they wanted to sweep away all the guerrilla factions, whose rivalry has kept Afghanistan at war since the fall of a communist-led gov-

In his new mission, Mr. Mestiri will have to take into account military changes that have altered the balance of power without making Afghanistan any more stable.

In March, Mr. Rabbani and his military commander, Ahmad Shah Masood, drove the Talibans from the outskirts of Kabul, halting an advance by the militants that began with the capture of the southern city of Kandahar in

This month, the Talebans bounced back, taking most of western Afghanistan, including the strategic airbase of Shindand and the key city of Herat.

The militants, who now control most of southern and western Afghanistan confront government troops on front lines 30 km kilometres south and southwest of

Opposition leader General when Mr. Rabbani refused to Abdul Rashid Dostum's step down unless the Talibans ethnic Uzbek forces control ploited the Talibans' advance

in the west this month to capture the border town of

Torghundi astride the highway from Turkmenistan. Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's Hezb-e-Islami, defeated by the Talibans early this year near Kabul, still holds part of the region between Jalalabad and the Afghan capital.

He has made overtures to the Taliban; mainly ethnic Pashtuns like Hezb-e-Islami, but there are no clear signs the Talibans are willing to ally openly with a man they identify as the leader of one more "corrupt" faction.

"The military situation is still unclear," a Western diplomat in Islamabad said. There seems no immediate threat to Kabul unless the opposition can isolate it on the ground.

Opposition forces are far from united and diplomats say Mr. Masood's battlehardened troops appear strong enough to hold Kabul unless the Talibans succeed in their declared strategy of persuading pro-governments to switch sides.

Pakistan, whose embassy in Kabul was pansacked last week by protesters angered by Islamabad's alleged support for the Talibans, is keen much of the north and ex- for Mr. Mestiri to resume the search for peace.

## Ben Gurion's grandson tries his luck

DAVID BEN GURION, the legendary founder of the Jewish state, might be spinning like a roulette wheel in his Negev desert grave.

It seems Israel's would be "national croupier" is none other than the grandson of the man who led it to statebood half a century ago. After serving as a captain in the Israeli army, Alon Ben

Gurion went abroad to study. Now 44, he manages a top-Washington hotel and his amiris get Israel to allow a chain of casinos. But the fact that he has lived in the U.S. for the past 20 years is in itself something which would certainly have given his illustrious grandfather great hear-

In Israel's early years Ben Gurion often berated American-Jews for not immigrating themselves and told them they had no right to call themselves "Zionists" unless they sent their sons and daughters to join in building the country.

"It's a reflection of our sorry state when the only ambition of the grandson of the man who founded the nation is to create gambling halls," observed an elderly Jerusalem woman."

Mr. Ben Gurion is unrepentant. In Tel Aviv, he said: "My company is building hotels in Cairo. Dubai. Oman and Damascus. All will have casions. Why, should Israel not cash in this as well?

His grandfather's abiding passion was to convince his people of the need to make the desert bloom.

He gave up politics to tend sheep at the kibbutz where he is buried Alon Ben Gurion apparently wants to cover the desert with a different green - the baize of the roulette table.

He is trying to convince a government commission that Eilat, the desert town on the Red Sea, is the ideal place for "a Middle East Las Vegas."

"At first I admit I was taken aback," said Udi Zipporl who runs a kiosk where national lottery tickets are sold. "But his kind of drive is exactly what we need. It's certainly better to have casiletting money flow out of the country" — The Guardian.

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LONDON (R) — Iran has given the European Union

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The late Iranian spiritual

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Khomeini, issued a death

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1989, accusing him of blas-

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### **U.S. condemns settlers'** attack on Palestinians

WASHINGTON (USIA) -- the spokesman noted. He Nicholas Burns strongly denounced on Monday the previous day's attack by Israeli settlers in the West Bank on a Palestinian girl's school in Hebron

"This is a shocking act of lawlessness and the United States deplores it, unequivocally," Mr. Burns declared. He called film footage of the aftermath of the attack "truly shocking, even by the low standards set by some of the settler communities in the

West Bank." Mr. Burns also condemned the recent alleged execution of a young Palestinian near Hebron as "an outrageous act," adding, "we condemn terrorism no matter where it

comes from." The spokesman told ques-tioners "the problem of Hebron has got to be resolved by the Palestinian Authority and the government of Israel. The United States cannot prescribe a solution to that."

and the Palestinian Authority their current negotiations,

said the United States very close touch" with both of them. "They've made some progress. They haven't made some progress. They haven't made the full progress that they and we had hoped for, but we are confident that they will get there," Mr. Burns said.

While he declined to comment when asked about reports that some Israeli. opposition political figures have threatened to abrogate Israel's commitments under the Middle East peace process if they come to power, the spokesman emphasised that "the United States fully." supports this peace process."

"We obviously expect that all the parties involved in this peace process will maintain and meet the commitments that they make," he said. "That is a very important part of any set of diplomatic. negotiations. Peace cannot be assured unless people live The Israeli government up to their commitments, and we have full confidence in the "are grappling with some government of Israel that it very difficult issues and will meet its commitments, they're working hard to and full confidence that the bridge their differences" in Palestinian Authority will as well," Mr. Burns said.

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# No radical changes seen from Egyptian elections

CAIRO (R) — Government and opposition parties in The elections in Egypt have started in earnest their preparations for parliamentary elections due in November, but politicians and experts say they do not

expect any radical changes. Government-owned newspapers have been carrying for the past two weeks the traditional election promises by. top officials, such as benefits to low-paid civil servants, workers and peasants, one of the most important constituencies for President Hosni. Mubarak's ruling National Democratic Party (NDP).

Opposition parties have also been trying to organise their ranks and the leaders of six major groups have held several meetings to coordinate their local campaigns.

Opposition sources say the parties have been trying to agree on a joint manifesto to

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The elections in November - no firm date has yet been set — will be the first in eight. years in which all opposition parties are taking part. In 1990 all parties except

the NDP and the leftists boycotted the elections on the grounds that the government failed to guarantee the results would not be rigged. But at least since the over-

throw of the monarchy in 1952, the government has won every election by a landslide anyway. Opinion polls show most Egyptians have no interest in party politics and that the real turnout in elections is very low.

In 1990, the NDP won 348 of the 444 seats at stake, mostly pliable independents won 83 and the leftists six. The main opposition parties, the liberal Wafd Party and the Islamist-dominated Labour Party, led the gan to insist that the Brother-boycott.

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In this year's elections, candidates will stand as individuals, not on party lists, in theory throwing the contest open to Muslim fundamentalists banned from forming par-

Since January, however, the government has been tightening the screws on the largest political Islamic group, the Muslim Brother-hood, indicating that Presi-dent Mubarak will not risk a repetition in Egypt of the Algerian debacle.

Since the late President Anwar Sadat released Brotherhood members from prison in 1971, the government has tolerated Brother-

hood activities short of forming their own party.
Policy changed early this year, when Mr. Mubarak bethe more radical elements who have been leading a three-year-old campaign of violence to overthrow him.

Earlier this month, Mr. Mubarak referred 52 leading members to military trial the first members of the group since 1965. The Brotherhood and others said it was to stop them standing for election, though the Interior Ministry denied it.

"We know the sitation here is different from Algeria but we cannot take any risks," a state security officer told Reuters. Osama Al Ghazali, an ex-

pert at the Ahram Centre for Political and Strategic Studies, said ruling party candidates retained an advantage through association with the network of services the state offers the public.

He said he believed that even if the elections were totally fair, the Brotherhood would not win more than 12 to 15 per cent.

Mr. Ghazali and other political experts said the government will not allow a radical change in the system by which it maintains a twothirds majority in the 445member parliament enough to pass any legislation and reelect the president.

"I don't think the elections will have any significance. Lost of people are saying so because they are looking for change," said a political expert close to the government.

"But the truth of the matter is that Egypt is ruled by the army and a huge bureaucracy. The rest is decoration," added the expert, who did not want his name

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Her Majesty Queen Noor Tuesday meets Harold Richman, the director of Chapin Hall Centre for Children at the University of Chicago, and several national specialists in child development to discuss areas of future cooperation between the Chapin Centre and Jordan in the area of child welfare (photo by Crystal)

### Queen discusses potential cooperation with American child welfare specialists

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Tuesday met Harold Richman, the director of Chapin Hall Centre for Children at the University of Chicago, and several national specialists in child development to discuss areas of future cooperation between the Chapin Centre and Jordan in the area of child welfare, a Royal Court statement said. The Chapin Centre, which

was established nine years ago, is an independent centre for the research and development of policies and programmes affecting chil-Its activities focus on mon-

comprehensive approach that would address the various needs of children as well as promoting community responsibility and involve-ment in child-related activi-

Queen Noor, who is the Chairperson of the National Task Force for Children (NTFC), emphasised the importance of the exchange of experiences especially at this time when the mandate and objectives of the NTFC are being developed, the statement said.

The NTFC, which was established by Royal Decree last August, will mainly be responsible for monitoring itoring the conditions of the implementation of the children, assessing and improving existing child Children and the National services and programmes, Plan of Action as well as integrating data to develop a keeping Jordanian children's

needs and issues a national priority.

Attending the meeting with Queen Noor were Advisor to the Queen In'am Mufti, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Acting Area Officer Bahous, UNICEF gramme Officer Ayman Abulaban, Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the National Association for the Education and Teaching of Children Mohammed Hassan, early childhood education consultant with the Arab Gulf Fund for United Nations Development Agencies (AGFUND) Hala Hammad and counselling and psychological services consultant Zuheir Zakaria, the statement said.

# Visiting official says Canada to participate in MENA

AMMAN (Petra) — Canada will take active part in the Middle East and North Africa conference due here next month and it will be represented by a high level delegation grouping the pri-vate and the public sectors, according to a senior Canadian official visiting Jordan . Claude De La Verdure, assistant deputy minister responsible for the Middle East and North Africa desk

at the Canadian Ministry of

International Trade made the

statement Tuesday during a

meeting with Minister of Industry and Trade Ali Abul

Preparations for the MENA conference and its importance to the Middle East peace process and its positive effect on the peoples of the region were reviewed at the meeting.

The two sides also discussed ways to further bolster bilateral relations in economic and trade fields and to promote the role of the private sector in achieving this objective.

The two ministers agreed on working out a pro-gramme for maintaining contacts between Jordan and

Canada that would provide for official and private sector meetings to stimulate trade exchanges and invest-

ments. Meanwhile announced also Tuesday that a German economic delegation is due in Amman from the West Bank on Wednesday to take part in a seminar on investments scheduled to open on Thursday at the Amman Chamber of Indus-

The meetings are seen as part of the on-going prepara-tions for the MENA confer-

### Chilean folklore dance troupe to perform in joint anniversary celebrations

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan the troupe will perform folkand Chile this week join in celebrating the 10th anniversary of Noor Al Hussein (NHF) foundation and the anniversary of

Chilean independence by resenting the Folklore Bal-Troupe of Chile BAFOCHÎ" in two perfornances at Al Hussein Ben Talal Auditorium of the University of Jordan, an NHF statement said Tuesday. Under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor,

lore and modern dance as well as ballet Thursday and Friday nights at 8:30 p.m. at

Al Hassan Ben Talal Audito-

rium of the University of

Jordan, the statement said. These performances are organised by the Theatre-in-Education Programme of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation in cooperation with the Embassy of Chile in Amman and the Ministry of Culture. They are being sponsored by Tyche Hotel, according to

the statement.

The statement said the troupe will also conduct a workshop on modern, folklore and ballet dance on Friday, Sept. 15, at 11:00 a.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre.

The National Jordanian Folklore Troupe of the Ministry of Culture, the Ballet Group of the Haya Cultural Centre and the Royal Cultural Centre's Group will participate in this workshop,

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# Teenager arrested for involuntary manslaughter

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Police apprehended a 17-year-old man Monday in connection with the death of an 18-year-old man in a road accident in Tafileh, according to police

The report said that Zaidan Mohammad Salem, who was driving a trailer in Tafileh, lost control of his vehicle and started zigzag-

Approaching the trailer in the opposite direction was a tractor being driven by Suleiman Mahmoud, 26.

Hanging on and riding on the side of the tractor was Younes Abdullah, the report said.

When the tractor driver swerved to the right shoulder of the road to avoid the oncoming trailer, the report said, Mr. Abdullah lost his balance, fell and was run over by the tractor. He was killed instantly, police said. Mr. Mahmoud was driving without a tractor dri-

ver's licence, it said. Although police said both drivers were at fault and were guilty of driving without licences, they arrested Zaidan Salem for involuntary manslaughter and reckless driving.

#### Teenager dies in road accident

Meanwhile, in another road accident Monday, a 14-year-old boy was killed after being struck by a vehicle on the University of Jor-Highway, police

Muhanad Gharib was attempting to cross the street when he was struck by a vehicle driven by Mohammad Yousef.

The teenager was rushed to Jordan University Hospital by Civil Defence Department (CDD) rescue units but was declared dead on arrival.

Monday's accident brings this week's road accident death toll to four. Three of the four victims were children who were run over by vehicles.

#### Child electrocuted

Also on Monday in the Nazzal suburb of Amman, a two-year-old child was killed by electrocution,

police reports said. The child, identified as Wisam Ahmad Abdullah, was in the kitchen playing near a washing machine when she was electrocuted, police officials said, with-

out giving further details. The toddler's mother, was in another room when the accident occurred, heard her child screeming and rushed to the kitchen, the reports said. Wisam was lying on the kitchen floor, it

An official at Bashir Hospital where the victim was taken told the Jordan Times that Wisam was dead on

# Judges withdraw resignations, await government pledges

AMMAN (J.T.) — The 23 judges from the Supreme Court and the Court of Cassation who had earlier submitted their resignations have decided to repeal their action following pledges by the government to meet their demands and improve their

working conditions. Informed sources at the Ministry of Justice said the judges met Monday evening and passed a collective measure to withdraw their resig-

Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker last Saturday told a group of judges led by Khleif Subeimat that the government has accepted their demands which includ-

measures to enhance the independence of the judiciary, amendments to legisla-

tion related to judiciary work,

and reform of laws in a

manner that would ensure a comprehensive health insurance system.

The judges sent Minister of Justice Hisham Tel a letter announcing their intention to withdraw the resignations which was to have taken effect as of Oct. 1.

All 23 judges have more than 25 years of service with the judiciary and have a legal prerogative to opt for retirement.

### FAO report says Jordanian women still earn less than men

By Tima Dajani Special to the Jordan

Women AMMAN labourers in Jordan work up to 15 hours a day and yet earn less than men. This was one of the findings of a report recently released by the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) on women in agriculture in the Near East.

While women in agriculture are primarily in charge of livestock, traditional restrictions absence from the home dictate that men take animals to markets to be sold, enabling them to reap the economic benefits, the report said.

The report also stated that while many women in the region were economically active in agriculture, they were not able to access credit and land easily because "lending institutions view women as high credit risks as they do not usually own land."

According to the report, this is a great disadvantage because of the increase of female-headed households as a result of male migration from the country to the

Although "information on

land ownership is very scarce in the region," Jordanian women seen to be better off than others in the area because female land ownership is higher than in the other countries with women owning 28.6% of the land as opposed to 0.4% in Oman and 4.9% in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the report said.

Labour-saving technology has improved the situation of women in the region both in the fields and in the home by freeing them from tedious and time-consuming tasks in agriculture that have since been mechanised, as well as by the installation of electricity, running water and sewage disposal systems, according to the

Higher education in agriculture is on the rise for women in the region, but this will not bring about a long-term economic change until there are sufficient institutions and mechanisms at all levels to guarantee the economic advancement of women in the Near East

region, the report said. In Jordan, however, women occupy 1.5% of policy-making positions in the Ministry of Agriculture, and comprise 21.4% of employees in agricultural organisations, while the country has non-governmental

organisations which aid small income-generating Larger projects include training women in sheep husbandry, milk and cheese production and processing, and home gardening.

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4 World News

# Sri Lankan military launches limited operation against rebels

(AP) — Army soldiers, backed by warplanes, pushed forward Tuesday in what the military called a "limited operation" in the Tamil rebel-held areas in the northern Jaffna peninsula.

About 3,000 troops advanced several hundred metres near Vasavilan town to enlarge the area conrolled by the Palali military complex. They met with no

"There have been no reports of casualties yet on either side," said Major T. Dunuwille, a military spokesman in Colombo.The operation is 310 kilometres north of Colombo, the Sri Lankan capital.

The operation is meant to increase the distance between guerrilla positions and an airfield in the complex. The rebels last week shelled the runway, killing a soldier and a policeman.

Meanwhile, the rebels overran a small military post in the northeast early Tuesday, killing four soldiers, he

The guerrillas fired guns and burled grenades in the attack at the post in Arisimalai village in the Trincomalee district, said Maj. Dunuwille. The post, manned by only four soldiers, had been set up to protect the village from guerril-

Reinforcements have been

TAIPEI (AFP) — Taiwan

presidential candidate Lin

Yang-Kang said Tuesday

this Nationalist island must

develop direct links with

China and shelve efforts to

rejoin the United Nations to

ease tensions between the

In an interview with the

mass-circulation China

Times, Mr. Lin. from the rul-

rushed to the site from neighbouring military bases, but the rebels have withdrawn, taking with them the soldiers' weapons.

The attack took place 250 kilometres northeast of Colombo.

The guerrillas have escalated attacks in the northeast to prevent the military from reinforcing troops in the Jaffna peninsula for an expected offensive against

In a broadcast on their clandestine radio Tuesday, the rebels warned that thousands of government troops had been transferred from Colombo and the east to the peninsula, and said the offensive is likely to begin in the last week of September, or early October.

The rebels have been fighting for a homeland in the north and east for minority Tamils since 1983, accusing majority Sinhalese of discrimination in education and jobs. The Sinhalese control the government and the military. More than 36,000

people have been killed. Sri lanka's armed forces have acquired sonar and anti-missile equipment to deter mounting threats from Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels at sea and in the air ahead of a major army offensive, military officials and analysts said Tuesday.

They said the armed forces

"Some people call me a

'traitor' for supporting reunification... but as an

eighth generation mainland

immigrant, I love this place

in a different way from those

favouring independence."

"No one has the right to

gamble on the future of the

21 million people here," he

said in reference to Taiwan

Mr. Lin told the paper.

were expected to take delivery soon of more gunboats from China, patrolboats from Israel and helicopters from Russia.

The army wants to buy more armoured vehicles and artillery to strengthen its campaign against the Tiger stronghold on the Jaffna peninsula.

The military has lost several aircraft and boats as they were caught off-guard by the acquisition of SAMs (surface-to-air missiles) and the use of underwater tactics by the Tigers," a defence analyst told Reuters. The Tigers have their own

makeshift navy, mobile radars, suicide squads and even microlight aircraft. They are also suspected to have acquired a small submarine. Defence analysts say the

rebels are targetting the mil-

itary's air and sea supply lines to try to stall a looming offensive, expected before the October monsoon. Sonar equipment bought

by island's tiny navy helped avert a potentially disastrous underwater suicide attack by Tigers on a northern naval base Sunday, military officials said. Navy sentries used

renades as depth charges to kill four rebel divers, including two women, at the Kankesanturai Navy Base, after they had been spotted on sonar, navy officials said.

considered the island its

renegade province since it

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here and vowed to invade

Taiwan if it tries to go inde-

Taipei's recent diplomatic

moves seeking a greater

international profile and..a.

private visit to the United

States in June by President

Lee Teng-Hui had enraged

boats and one command and supply vessel in underwater suicide attacks since the Tigers broke off a truce in April and resumed their 12year war.

"Sri Lanka needs to build up its navy as it is an island nation and the Tigers get their arms from overseas." the defence analyst said. Sri lanka spends more than \$600 million on defence annually.

The rebels have also downed two of the air force's Avro transport aircraft and one of its four Pucara ground attack aircraft with anti-aircraft missiles, the first use of such weapons in the conflict.

Sri Lanka's military has begun taking delivery of some of the weapons ordered after the rebels broke the ceasfire. The air force bought three AN-32 transport planes, equipped with anti-missile devices, from Ukraine in July and wants to buy three more, military officials said. It also wants to buy a squadron of MI-17 helicopters.

"The army has gone for heliborne operations so we need more helicopters," a senior military officer said. "And we need gunships to

exercises off Taiwan's

northern coast since late

The charismatic 68-year-

old Lin has mounted a chal-

lenge to Lee, 72, who is

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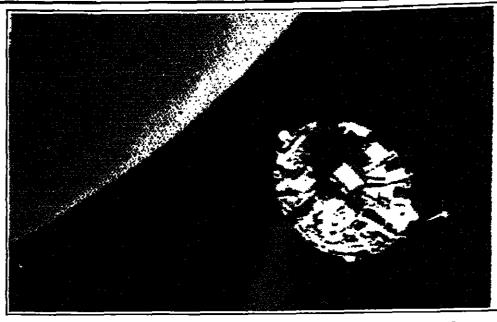
Mr. Lin will run without.

party support in Taiwan's

first direct presidential elec-

tions scheduled in March.

office as a KMT nominee.



The disc-shaped Wake Shield satellite is suspended from the space shuttle's robot arm in preparation for release (AFP photo)

### Shuttle crew monitors film-growing satellite

SPACE CENTRE, Houston (AP) — The crew of space shuttle Endeavour kept watch over a free-flying electronics research satellite Tuesday as the dish-shaped craft made super-thin semiconductor film.

Astronauts overcame shaky data communications between the \$25 million Wake Shield facility and ground controllers Monday to set the satellite free from the shuttle. They'll pick the craft back up Wednesday.

Meanwhile, crew mem-bers monitored the Wake Shield, flying some 60 kilometres behind the shuttle, in case communications break up again and ground controllers need the astronauts to send remote commands. The communication link appeared solid early today.

The 4-metre designed at the University of Houston, is expected to create an ultra-pure vacuum in its wake as it plows through atomic particles in space.

Physicists are attempting to grow seven wafers of semiconductor film on the back side of the satellite. Each wafer, grown atom-byatom over up to eight hours, should be about 8 centimetres wide and one-100th the thickness of a human hair.

Because of the expected pristine conditions in the Wake, the semiconductor material should be purer than any produced on earth. Such film could eventually lead to speedier computers. By the morning, the Wake Shield had produced two

semiconductor films and

was working on a third.

Because the satellite release came nearly two. hours late Monday, the baking time for the first wafer was reduced, leaving it thinner than planned. The second film was stunted, too, because of a satellite heater that shut off earlier than

five are due back in Florida next Monday.

#### expected, NASA said. The shuttle and its crew of

### Russian spacemen return to Earth

MOSCOW (R) — Two Russian cosmonauts returned to Earth Monday after more than two months aboard the orbitingMir space station, a mission control spokesman said.

A Soyuz spacecraft carrying Anatoly Solovyov and Nikolai Budarin touched down safely in Kazakhstan, 107 kilometres north-east of the town of Arkalyk at 10.52 ĠMT),

cessful, officials said.

The brakes and steering of

the fighter, known as the

FSX, were tested at speeds

of up to about 35 mph (55

kph) on an airport runway in Nagoya, 270 kilometres

more ground tests, said

spokesman Gumar Gibadullin said by tele-

"Both cosmonauts are in good health after landing in the Soyuz capsule," Mr. Gibadullin said. Solovvov and Budarin had

been on board the Mir since June 29 when they went up as part of a U.S.-Russian joint space venture on the U.S. shuttle Atlantis. Solovyov and Budarin were joined on board the Mir on Sept. 5 by a threeman crew, including a German cosmonaut, which will stay in space for more than four months.

The new crew is made up of Yuri Gidzenko, Sergei Avdeyev and German Thomas Reiter, representing the European Space Agency. They will dock with a U.S. space shuttle in October.

#### Beijing. ing Knomintang (KMT), independence advocators. Chen Li-An, head of the also said promoting inde-pendence would "only hurt To serve as a warning, the powerful supervisory body, the Control Yuan, is also a China and Taiwan were Chinese People's Liberation separated in 1949 at the end and destroy Taiwan." Army staged two missile of a civil war. Beijing has

pendent.

Taiwan candidate favours direct links with China

SAN ANDRES LARRAIN-ZAR, Mexico (AFP) -Mexico's government and Zapatista rebels reached a breakthrough accord Monday that reduces the threat of resumed fighting and paves the way for a negotiated

peace. After nearly five months of erratic and often bitter talks, both sides agreed on an agenda for comprehensive negotiations including the grievances behind the ethnic Maya-based Zapatista National Liberation Army's (ELZN) Jan. 1, 1994 uprising in southern Chiapas

"It is a historic moment," said Samuel Ruiz, the bishop of San Cristobal and mediator of the talks, in announcing the agreement that capped seven days of intense negotiations, the lat-

est round here. The sides will begin discussions next month on the social and political problems

Zapatista rebels cited as reasons for the surprise armed rebellion led by the enigmatic Subcomandante Marcos. The progress made in this encounter is only a first

step." indigenous comman-

LOS ANGELES (R) -The

judge in the O.J. Simpson

murder trial has ruled that a

key prosecution witness,

detective Mark Fuhrman,

could not be forced to give

But Judge Lance Ito grant-

ed the football legend's

defence team permission to

appeal his decision to the

California state Court of

Simpson has pleaded not

guilty to the June 12, 1994,

murders of his ex-wife

Nicole Brown Simpson and

her friend Ronald Goldman.

painted Mr. Fuhrman, who

has refused to testify further,

as a rogue, racist cop who

Simpson's lawyers have

further testimony.

Appeals.

David, told reporters after emerging from a makeshift conference room pieced together from plastic sheeting on a basketball court. Our people are continu-

ing to suffer injustice, hunger, sickness. There is no reason to have a party. There still is no real solution to the demands of our people," he

Jorge Del Valle, a member of the government negotiating team, told reporters the outcome "is a good technical draw: they and we got satisfactory results."

That is because each side got at least something it really wanted: for the rebels. procedural rules for future negotiations; and for the government, setting up a mechanism in which root problems of the unrest could be addressed.

While the government appeared to give a little by agreeing to an EZLN demand for negotiations on nationwide political reform, it said those negotiations would not lead to binding accords but rather to suggestions to be sent to Congress. The EZLN bad insisted

Simpson's estate to frame

In a day of fast-moving

developments, attorney

Johnnie Cochran said the

defence was not in a position

to rest and told the judge he

had a mystery witness who

would contradict portions of

"There is a critical witness

in this case who shall remain

nameless." Mr. Cochran

said. "We may want to call

him (Fuhrman) back for fur-

ther impeachment," he

added, without giving any

further details on his mys-

tery witness or the testimony

After a morning session

without the jury present.

he would give.

planted a bloody glove on Judge Ito brought the panel

Mr. Fuhrman's testimony,

the black sports hero.

der and chief negotiator, that any final peace agreement include national themes, such as justice and democracy, an idea President Ernesto Zedillo's goverament has opposed. Mr. Zedillo, however, has proposed for the first time an

indigenous bill of rights. In the first round of talks, set to begin on Oct. 1 in San Andres Larrainzar, four working groups will discuss indigenous groups' rights and culture.

The "pure" indigenous issue, a sometimes sensitive racial question in a country that takes pride in the fact the majority of the population is of mixed indigenous and European beritage, long has been left on the back burner.

The government classifies 12 million of Mexico's more than 85 million people as belonging to the country's 56 recognised indigenous groups, who are statistically more likely than most Mexicans to live in abject pover-

One half of the 12 million indigenous speak native languages only, though many more speak Spanish as a second language, according to

into court and told them that

because of the "unusual and

unique legal issues, I am not

going to require the defence

Over the objections of lead

prosecutor Marcia Clark,

Judge Ito ordered the prose-

cution to begin its rebuttal

Ms. Clark responded by

bringing on a string of wit-

nesses who testified to pho-

tographing Simpson at work

as a sideline commentator

on National Football League

games wearing gloves

which looked the same as

those used in the slayings of

Nicole Simpson and Ronald

Earlier, in response to a

defence motion, Judge Ito

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Simpson defence promises mystery witness

Mexico, Zapatistas reach 'first step' accord

official figures. Analysts have said the government's toward indigenous groups traditionally has been to wait and hope for them to move into the national mainstream. There is no official bilingualism policy, and all official and government business is conducted in Spanish.

Working groups were to meet again Oct. 17. One wasto tackle a range of indigenous community issues: rights, guarantees of justice, participation and representation, and indigenous women's situation, rights and culture.

Three other groups will address respectively: wel-fare and development; democracy and justice; and women's rights in Chiapas. Gustavo Iruegas, a member of the government side, said negotiations on disarmament would be handled at

the end of the talks process. The EZLN flexed its political muscle last week in a private referendum that showed more than one million respondents would favour its transformation into a political party.

said he would not strike Mr.

Fuhrman's testimony of how

he found a bloody glove on

Simpson's estate the morn-

ing after the football leg-

end's ex-wife and her friend

were murdered. He also

turned down a defence

request that the jury be

instructed to forget the glove

Simpson's defence also

lost its fight to have the jury

hear more recordings taped

before the murders in which

Mr. Fuhrman frequently

uses the racial epithet "nig-

ger" and boasts about planti-

ng and manufacturing evi-

Mr. Fuhrman had testified

that he had not used the

racial slur in the last 10

dence.

had ever been found.

FSX jet fighter tested in Japan TOKYO (AP) - ine controversial jet fighter jointly developed by the United Heavy Industries Ltd., the plane's main contractor.

The prototype tested Wednesday was finished last States and Japan underwent its first test run Tuesday. The test, of the plane's ability to December --- two years later taxi on the ground, was sucthan originally planned.

Japan had wanted to develop its own jet fighter, but after U.S. pressure agreed in the late 1980s to the FSX project. The plane is based on the U.S. F-16 jet fighter with improvements using

west of Tokyo, for about 20 minutes, officials said. Japanese technology. The prototype was delayed Another similar test was to after U.S. officials asked for assurances Japan would be conducted Wednesday, and the date of the first test uphold its promise to share flight will be decided after its technology, such as in

ie ligolet and darc track by enemy radar.

U.S. officials are also said to be concerned about assuring that U.S. companies will receive 40 per cent of the contracts for construction of the jets, as agreed.

Washington and Tokyo have yet to sign a memorandum of understanding that would guarantee production of the jet, although the Defence Agency has requested a budget for at least 12 of them at a cost of about 12 billion yen (\$120 million) each.

Construction would start as early as next April.

#### new materials that make the NATO to present study on expansion

BRUSSELS (AFP) NATO is forging ahead with plans to expand further east and will invite comments on its strategy when it publishes a report by the end of the month, NATO Secretary-

General Willy Claes said. "The first document which tries to bring a response to the 'why' and 'how' of the alliance's expansion will be on a NATO Council agenda on Sept. 20," he told a news conference here.

"By the end of the month, our parmers, including Russia, will be invited to Brussels to look at the conclusions of that study," Mr. Claes added. However the North

Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) would continue to press ahead as planned to include former Warsaw Pact countries if they wished, he

"All partners will have the right to ask for bilateral meetings, in Brussels or their own capitals, to which we are ready to respond positively," he added, saying the results of those talks would be given to a meeting of NATO foreign ministers in early December.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin, who had previously called NATO's plans a threat to its own security, went even further Friday and said they "could provoke a war." Bulgarian President Zhelyu Zhelev however rejected

Mr. Yeltsin's statement and said Bulgaria would decide for itself how to settle issues relating to its own security.

The expansion eastward is largely under the aegis of NATO's Partnership for Peace programme, designed to set up ties with mainly former Warsaw Pact states but not guaranteeing any security.

Ukraine, one of the first nations to approve the programme, will become the 15th to agree an individual military cooperation accord with it when Ukrainian Foreign Minister Hennadiy Udovenko signs a deal Thursday, NATO sources

Ukraine has been stepping up joint military manoeuvies with NATO and Central and East European countries

# Cuba refuses to change course

MEXICO CITY (R) Cuban Vice President Carlos Lage has said that the island will not sway from its Communist path despite looming U.S. pressures to tighten the embargo and scare off foreign investors.

Mr. Lage, on a two-day official visit to Mexico, said Republican U.S. Senator Jesse Helms's effort to win U.S. congressional approval of a bill aimed at discouraging investment in Cuba would not cause Havana to change policy. "Even if the law is passed

(in the United States)...We are not going to abandon our path," Mr. Lage told a news conference after meeting Mexico's President Ernesto Zedillo.

Mr. Lage added that he was aware the bill did not have 100 per cent support in the United States.

The bill would tighten U.S. sanctions on Cuba, deny U.S. visas to foreign citizens working for foreign

companies doing business with the island state and make possible lawsuits against foreign companies using U.S. property in Cuba confiscated in the 1959 rev-

Mr. Lage, widely seen as the architect of Cuba's opening to foreign investment since 1990, said that, despite Sen. Helms' bid to tighten the embargo, U.S. investments were welcome in

#### Diana to watch Pavarotti lead benefit concert

ROME (AFP) — Opera star : Luciano Pavarotti will lead an all-star fund-raising benefit for the children of Bosnia at a concert in Modena, northern Italy, which ... will also feature rock stars folk musicians ( Pavarotti, one of the world's most famous tenors, will sing duos with rock giants . U2, Meat Loaf, the Cranber ries and Michael Bolton, as well as with Irish folk band the Chieftans. The Princess of Wales will fly into Italy in the afternoon on a private aircraft to be at the concert.

#### World War II bomber found in lake

HAMAR, Norway (AFP)

A British bomber shot down over Norway just two weeks before the end of World War II has been brought up from the bottom of an icy lake and will be restored to original condition, the NTB news agency reported. The four-engined Handley Page Halifax was raised Sunday from the 238 metre 785 foot deep Lake Mjoesa at the end of a sixweek operation. The cold water with a low oxygen content meant the structure had deteriorated little even after 50 years, NTB said. The salvaging of the bomber was funded by the Canadian Halifax Aircraft Association, which has more than 1,000 war veterans as members. It will be restored by volunteers who hope to see it completed by 1999. The Halifax will be a memorial to the 10,000 Canadian flyers who died in World War II, as well as the five members of the plane's crew, NTB quoted an official of the association as

#### Tibetan anti-fatique herb to help Chinese divers

ВЕІЛІNG (R) — In the 1996

Olympics, China's divers may no longer suffer the effects of exhaustion caused by a tight schedule, thanks to obscure Tibetan herbs, according to a southern Chinese newspaper seen in Beijing Tuesday. Chen Yiming, chief coach of China's national diving team, is mixing up a fatigue-relief tonic with extracts from Tibetan herbs. Guangzhou's Yangcheng Evening News reported. Chen plans to test his potion on divers in competition next May and to begin regular use at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, it said. As a diverturned-coach, Chen has been working on his own anti-fatigue formula for 30 years in the belief a swift recovery from physical fatigue helps produce the best performance. Chen visited the Tibetan capital, Lhasa, in July and met traditional Tibetan herbalists who introduced him to 10 herbs believed to have properties to relieve exhaustion. including four to rebuild body strength and others to ease mental strain. Chen reassured the newspaper that the herbs contained no form of stimulant. A stream of Chinese athletes has tested positive for performanceenhancing drugs in international competition in recent

#### Manila to invite Magic Johnson for anti-AIDS pitch

MANILA (AFP) - The Philippines' Health Department wants to invite retired U.S. basketball star Ervin "Magic" Johnson to Manila next month to participate in the government's anti-AIDS campaign, a department spokesman said Tuesday. The former Los Angeles Lakers' all-star guard and U.S. "dream team" member retired from the National Basketball Association after shocking the sporting world in 1991 with an announcement that he has the AIDScausing human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The Health Department is conducting talks with Johnson's representatives and Health Secretary Hilarion Ramiro expects to make an announcement soon about the proposed Oct. 26-28 visit, said the agency's spokesman, Anthony Roda.

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Clad in crimson monk's robes and referring to his homeland as the "Land of And the fitted field in Snow," he reiterated a willingness to discuss a deal that buld give Tibet something short of independence — in line with a condition for previously set by

Compared to the con-The men Rames Until now, representatives of the Dalai Lama have shied away from holding talks in Beijing, where they

# U.S. calls for expansion of U.N. **Security Council to 20 seats**

IAKARTA (AFP) — The U.S. ambassador to the IIN. Madeleine Albright, called Monday for an expansion of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) to twenty seats, with Japan and Germany as permanent

My government favours expanding the (Security) Council by as many as five seats to twenty," Mrs. Albright said in a speech to around 200 academics and officials here Monday.

The U.N. Security Council carrently has 15 members, five of which are permanent: the United States, Russia. China, the United Kingdom

Norway (AFP)

"We believe that out of the short short short short short short short members," Mrs. Albright said, adding that non-permanent members should "succeed themselves as a way to allowing important regional powers such as Indonesia to serve on the council more often."

Indonesia's foreign minister, Ali Alatas, said here in March that "Indonesia should not be overlooked" if or when the decision was taken to expand the UNSC. Indonesia has been serving

on the UNSC as a non-permanent member since 1994. Mrs. Albright arrived here Sunday from burma for a two-day official visit to discuss matters which include U.N. peacekeeping efforts and East Timor with Presi-

OSLO (R) — Prime Minis-

ter Gro Harlem Brundtland's

pro-European Labour Party

has suffered a setback in

Norwegian local elections,

according to a computer

projection by NRK Televi-

NRK, whose projection

was based on 447 of the 629

municipalities, said Labour

won 31.6 per cent of the vote Monday, up 1.2 per

cent from the 1991 local

elections but down more

than five per cent from the

Analysts said the ruling

party apparently lost ground

to the small right-wing

Progress Party, whose anti-

immigrant platform came to

dominate the election cam-

paign. Labour leaders said

they also suffered from the

low turnout of about 60 per

Mrs. Brundtland told NRK

the result was not surprising

since it followed the emo-

months ago when Norwe-

gians snubbed her pro-

Europe stance and rejected

membership of the Euro-

referendum 10

1993 general election.

dent Suharto and other senior officials.

In Rangoon, Burma, Mrs. Albright said she told one of the rulers Friday that "his country's isolation would only deepen unless concrete steps toward political freedom" are taken,

Mrs. Albright said she urged the Burmese government "to choose the path of true democracy rather than continued repression and dictatorial control."

Mrs. Albright was the highest-ranking official to visit Burma since a 1988 military coup. She said her two-day visit should not be interpreted as a warming of relations but as an affirmation of American support for democracy in Burma.

The United States has cool relations with the Burmese government, which it accuses of abusing human rights and refusing to cede power to the National League for Democracy, the main opposition party that won a landslide victory in a 1990 general election.

In an effort to ease its international isolation, released Burma League's founder, Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, from six years of house arrest in July.

Foreign governments applauded the move, but have been slow to restore economic and political ties. "They believe that releas-

ing Mrs. Aung San Suu Kyi

was a big step," Mrs. Albright said. "So I think they might have been a little bit surprised that I wasn't a little bit friendlier."

Burma's military government must choose "between its present isolation or reintegration into the international community," Mrs. Albright said at a news conference before leaving Burma.

She said the U.S. would only improve ties after "fundamental progress towards democracy and respect for basic human rights is achieved."

She met Friday with Gen. Khin Nyunt, who heads Burma's powerful Military Intelligence Service and is widely regarded as the most powerful member of the ruling military council.

Mrs. Albright said she urged the government to begin a dialogue with Mrs. Suu Kyi and was "modestly encouraged" that the military might do so.

She also met with Mrs. Suu Kyi for a typical Burmese breakfast of rice noodles and fish soup, and quoted her as saying "the sooner the dialogue begins

Mrs. Albright's visit is part of an official trip through East Asia that also includes the Philippines. She heads the U.S. delegation to the fourth U.N. World Conference on Women in Beijing.

# Norway Labour weakened in local polls

"When the immigrant issue gets a dominating role in the last week it obviously has an influence," she The projections showed the Progress Party won 11.6

per cent of the vote, an

increase of 4.6 per cent on

1991 and up about five per cent on 1993. It became the fourth largest party at local level and was particularly successful in Oslo, home to a large proportion of Norway's small number

immigrants. The sparsely populated Scandinavian state has one of the most homogeneous populations in Europe. Only 50,000 immigrants, or 1.1 per cent of the 4.3 million inhabitants, come from Asia,

Africa and other non-European ethnic areas. Progress Party leader Carl I. Hagen said his proposals for stricter immigration policies had not been taken seriously by other parties, but added: "I hope we will now have a serious discussion on our objections."

His party has called for a stronger approach to law and order, less taxes and tougher policies against immigrants, which it fears are bringing organised crime and aids to Norway. **Progress** The

hijacked the election campaign after its spokesman on immigrant issues attended a meeting of racist fringe groups a week ago. Mr. Hagen scored points

after refusing to expel the of protests from the political establishment, which refuses any cooperation with his

A concentration of Pakistani. Vietnamese and other immigrants in eastern Oslo has caused concern among many citizens in a city cut off through history from foreign influence because of geographical isolation.

Radical parties usually do better in local elections than in national polls. The next general election is due in

# Quebecsets date to vote on leaving Canada

QUEBEC CITY (R) -Quebec Premier Jacques Parizeau ended weeks of speculation and set Oct. 30 as the date for a referendum on the future of Canada's French-speaking province.

Parizeau's announcement in the provincial legislature formally launched the campaign on the separation of Quebec from Canada.

"Quebeckers will not vote on Oct. 30 to elect representatives. They will not vote to choose a party or government, or a programme. They will decide the future of Quebec, its political future, its place in the world,"

Mr. Parizeau told the National Assembly. "We will prepare the decision (that is) the most natural, the most noble and the most important that a people

can take — to become

sovereign," Mr. Parizeau

said The date was no surprise as Mr. Parizeau had strongly hinted last week that the referendum would be held on Oct. 30. The province will vote on whether to become sovereign afer making an offer of an economic and political association with the rest of Canada.

In the last referndum in 1980, about 60 per cent of Quebeckers voted against seeking sovereignty-association with Canada.

Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien warned Quebec Monday that a vote for sovereignty would be a "one-way ticket to separation." he confidently predicted reject a divorce from Canada

The referendum will be the second time in 15 years that Quebec voters have been asked to endorse some form of independence from Canada. In 1980, they voted 60 per cent to 40 per cent against a form of sovereignty.

This time opinion polls show that most Quebec voters do not want a clean break from Canada but are more evenly divided when questioned on a form of sovereignty with political and economic ties to Canada.

The latest public opinion poll showed that Ouebec voters are virtually evenly split on the question that will be asked in the referendum: "Do you agree that Que-bec should become sovereign, after having made a formal offer to Canada for a new economic and political partnership ...?"

In the poll published Saturday in the Globe And Mail and Le Journal De Montreal newspapers, 50.2 per cent of respondents said they would vote yes, while 49.8 per cent said they would vote no. The results factored in those who were undecided or

refused to answer. Jean-Marc Leger, president of Groupe Leger Leger, which conducted the poll, said Monday that the referendum race is a close one and could go either way.

In his speech to Quebec's National Assembly, Mr. Parizeau said that he will respect the decision of Quebec voters if they vote against sovereignty. His announcement

began 35 hours of debate on the government's draft legislation setting out a framework for sovereignty for the province. The debate, which will

take place during an 18day period, will be followed by the official referendum campaign.

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# Pentagon: Democracy, drugs are still challenges in Americas

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Workaday challenges of consolidating democracy and fighting drugs have replaced the cold war threats of subversion and guerrilla warfare in the Western hemisphere, the Pentagon said Monday in a new study.

Cuba, which once dominated U.S. security concerns in the region, rated only passing mention in the report, "U.S. security strategy for the Americas," which dismissed the Communistruled island as "weak and struggling to survive."

Remnants of the East-West conflict survive in the form of guerrilla groups in Colombia, Guatemala, Peru, and most recently Mexico.

But the report does not argue for "any specific U.S. policy response other than active support for peaceful resolution." At the same time, the last

major U.S. military presence in the region and one of the most controversial - the 8,500 troops of the U.S. Southern Command in Panama — is to be out by the year 2000 under the 1977 Panama Canal treaty.

Although Panama and the United States are considering extending the stay of some troops, U.S. officials emphasise that the security of the Panama Canal is not

"There are other ways to defend the canal than to keep troops in Panama," said Joseph Nye, assistant secretary of defence for international security affairs, who presented the report. one of a series on U.S. strategic interests.

The Southern Command is to move from Panama to Miami in 1998, but core military functions would be kept in Panama as close as possible to the Dec. 31, 1999, treaty deadline, the report said. "Just 10 years ago, a tour d'horizon of the bemisphere would have given at best a mixed picture," the report said. "Now, just five years short of a new century and a new millenium, there is much to under-

pin hopes for coming years." Other signs of the improved security situation in Latin America and the Caribbean:

Arms spending in the region has dropped by more than half, from 3.3 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) in 1987 to 1.6 per cent in 1992:

terrorist incidents have decreased by 40 per cent to 58 in 1994, and are now outnumbered by those in the Middle East or Western

- all countries in the region

except Cuba are moving toward democracy.

At the same time, the report argued that as the United States and other countries of the hemisphere become closer, the potential is greater that instability in the region will have a domestic impact in the Unit-

ed States. It cited the surge in boat people from Haiti during years of political crisis there and repercussions resulting from the collapse of the Mexican peso in December 1994 on international financial markets.

Threats to stability in the region have not disappeared, although they have changed in ways that often make them harder to understand and confront," the report

Drug-trafficking affected virtually every major country in the hemisphere, the report said.

Peru, Colombia, and Bolivia produce virtually all the world's coca leaf, and half the cocaine entering the United States crosses the border from Mexico.

Moreover, the report said, "Colombia presents a major new heroin supply threat to the United States.'

The U.S. military will continue to play a supporting role, helping to interdict drug flights with four radar installations in the region and AWACS flights.

Mr. Nye said, however, that the top U.S. priority was to support democratic norms, including civilian control of the military in the

Military training programmes, joint exercises. and exchanges were some concrete methods cited in the report for promoting related goals such as respect for human rights.

Seven distinct border disputes also are potential flashpoints, according to the report, which said efforts to promote peaceful conflict resolution should be another

objective of U.S. strategy. 'And in Cuba, where democracy does not yet exist, the United States faces the challenge of bow best to contribute to the goal of the peaceful establishment of democratic governance for

the people of Cuba," it said. Although the Cuban military threat is much reduced, Mr. Nye said questions remained about what will happen when the Castro regime goes.

"Will that lead to chaotic circumstances or disturbances? We're not sure of how that will happen," he

#### New violence breaks out in Canada Indian standoffs

GRAND BEND, Ontario (R) — Canadian Indians gathered from around the country to mourn a 38-year old native killed last week in a gunbattle with police while across the country three Indians were reported injured in another land dis-

streamed in from surround-

ing reserves and from other Canadian provinces Monday to bury Anthony George on an Ontario army base occupied by the Indians.

George died and two others were injured at Ipperwash Provincial Park in a shootout with police last Wednesday over who has the right to the valuable land on Lake Huron, about 250

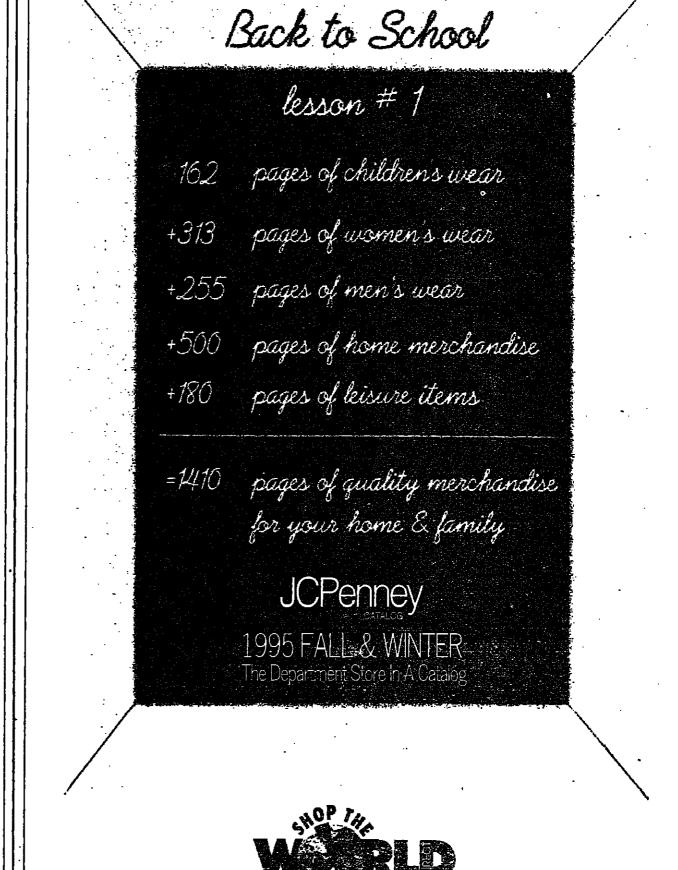
kilometres southwest of Toronto.

In the west coast province of British Columbia, an Indian leader said three protesters were injured in a gun battle with Canadian police Monday near Gustafsen Lake.

The leader of the Indian protestors told police by phone that "three people

were injured as a result of the gunbattle," police spokesman Peter Montague told reporters in nearby 100 Mile house, British Colum-

About 30 Indian protestors have set up an armed camp on part of a private ranch at Gustafsen Lake, about 450 kilometres northeast of Van-



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# Dalai Lama seeks China talks

WASHINGTON (R) — The fear China's government would have undue say in the Dalai Lama said Monday he was ready to resume talks logistics. Chinese embassy with China on the future of officials did not return calls his troubled Himalayan region of Tibet "any place, any time", including in Beiseeking comment. The Dalai Lama, 60, said that enlisting Mr. Clinton's help in getting the talks

going was the top priority of his 10-day, four-city U.S. Appealing for U.S. help in his 45-year struggle for a measure of Tibetan autonotour, which took him to my from China, the Dalai Atlanta, Houston and Lama said he feared contin-Boston before Washington. ned Communist rule would Summarising his request suuff out Tibet's unique to Mr. Clinton, he said in form of Buddhism. Chinese sonorous, imperfect Engtroops occupied the land in lish: "The urgentest thing is please influence or urge the

Intentionally or uninten-Chinese government to start tionally, some kind of culnegotiations." tural genocide has taken But the Dalai Lama place," he told a group of whose title means "Ocean of reporters at the start of a Wisdom" — said he was three-day Washington visit resigned to the possibility during which he hopes to that Mr. Clinton may be meet President Bill Clinton. reluctant to get involved The Dalai Lama, winner of personally for fear of angerthe 1989 Nobel Peace Prize, ing the Chinese at a sensitive

time in U.S.-Chinese rela-Mr. Clinton met the Dalai Lama during his two visits to Washington in 1993 and 1994, but has announced no

plans to meet him again. China protested against those meetings. It accuses the Dalai Lama of stirring anti-Chinese revolt. Beijing says Tibet has been part of China since the 13th centu-

Asked whether he would be offended if Mr. Clinton declined to meet him, the Dalai Lama shrugged his shoulders, laughed heartily and said: "No. Okay." He added that he always sought to avoid embarrassing his

The Dalai Lama, who has lived in exile in India since Chinese troops crushed a popular uprising in 1959, said he would like to make Tibet into a zone of peace.

Despite the present obstacles, I am optimistic," he said, adding he expected more progress from the next generation of Chinese lead-U.S. Officials said they

expected Vice President Al Gore to meet the Dalai Lama, with Mr. Clinton possibly dropping — a level of contact meant to minimise further strains with China. U.S.-Chinese ties went

into a tailspin in June when Mr. Clinton granted a U.S. visitor's visa to President Lee teng-Hui of Taiwan, which China considers a rebel-held province. China recalled its envoy from Washington, stalled on

accepting a new U.S.

ambassador and cut off

U.S.-Chinese military and political dialogues. The Dalai Lama urged Mr. Clinton to endorse a move in Congress to appoint an individual to coordinate U.S.

Tibet policy. "I want someone who can exclusively and specifically" liaise in setting up any future negotiations, he said.

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#### Stand-off has to be cleared

THE STAND-OFF between the government and the Jordanian Bar Association on the conduct of their last elections in March promises to develop into a wider legal contest over the full implications of the 1988 decision to disengage from the West Bank when the Higher Court of Justice hears both sides on the issue. The court is scheduled to resume hearings on the case on Sept. 26. Minister of Justice Hisham Al Tel had contested the legality of the lawyers' elections because some 150 members resident of the West Bank took part in the elections. The central issue is whether West Bank lawyers who are still members of the bar association can vote in their professional guild even though Jordan has severed all legal and administrative relations with the West Bank. What the whole dispute boils down to is whether the affected lawyers are still Jordanians before the law or not. The government maintains that they are not and therefore can no longer take part in elections.

While we are fully aware of the decision by the Higher Court that proclaimed that West Bankers were no longer eligible for five-year passports because they have presumably lost their citizenship rights, we believe the issue must nevertheless be reviewed further by the highest court of the land. What we find troubling is whether citizenship rights can be crossed out altogether and declared ended by the 1988 decision. It is one thing to cut off relations with the West Bank and quite another to declare null and void the citizenship of the people there. The law of the land has prescribed the manner of terminating the citizenship of individuals. This much has not been done since no citizenship law was amended. Moreover, even when the appropriate legislation or legislations are changed, they may not be retroactive. This is the rule of the thumb domestically and internationally. As a matter of fact we are treaty obligated not to accord negative retroactive effect to any law. What is also of concern is whether the state can end citizenships en masse. There is no precedent under local or international law for mass denial of citizenship. These are indeed vexing legal controversies that the Higher Court of Justice can be expected to review and render its judgements thereon on the basis of the established jurisprudence here at home and internationally.

#### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

AHMAD AL MISLEH, a writer in Al Ra'l Arabic daily, Tuesday tackled a meeting by representatives of Egypt, Palestine, Jordan and Israel in Amman to discuss the question of displaced Palestinians and their prospects for repatriation to their homeland. These people were forced out of their homeland in the wake, or during, the 1967 Arab-Israeli war and were never allowed to return home by Israel despite U.N. resolutions calling for their return, said the writer. It is true that a limited number of the displaced people were allowed to return following U.N. Security Council resolution 237 of 1967 but the majority of them are still stranded in Jordan and other countries living alongside the tens of thousands of the refugees evicted in the 1948 war, said the writer. Despite all the U.N. resolutions and the peace agreements with Jordan, Egypt and the Palestinians, the displaced people are prevented from returning and the Israelis are bolding on to various excuses to prevent their repatriation, claiming that their permits have expired, he added. The writer said the four-party committee has not succeeded in doing justice to the displaced Palestinians and it is still haggling over classification of the Palestinians evicted from their homes in a manner that looks similar to grading fruits and vegetables - with some described as refugees and others as displaced people. The writer said that the committee, which is meeting in Amman Tuesday and Wednesday, should put an end to Israel's intransigence and respect the legitimate and humanitarian rights of the Palestinian people.

A WRITER in Al Dustour said Tuesday that Spain's Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez' visit to Jordan and other countries in the Middle East comes only two months ahead of the Barcelona economic conference and one month ahead of the Middle East and North Africa Economic Summit (MENA). Taher Al Adwan said that while the Barcelona meeting will discuss ideas about economic cooperation among the Mediterranean countries, the MENA summit will reflect the participants' orientation to create a new Middle Eastern order. Though the two conferences have different objectives, said the writer, they both consider Israel's presence and participation essential. The writer said that the Europeans are keen on promoting economic cooperation with the Arab World through the Israeli gate and they place hard conditions on the Arabs as they did with the Palestinians who were told that the Europear Jonor states will provide the promised funds to the Pales. Alians in the light of progress made in their negotiations with Israel. He said that it is hoped that the Spanish nime minister will discuss ways to bolster economic relations with the Arabs and help open the European markets for Arab products.

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Washington Watch

By Dr. James Zogby

# No tears or cheers for Packwood and Reynolds

SOME PROMINENT Jewish leaders are lamenting the political demise of two members of Congress who have been important supporters of their domestic and foreign policy con-

Democratic Congressman Mel Reynolds of Illinois resigned his seat last week, while Republican Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon faces a likely expulsion vote from the Senate in the coming weeks. What is troubling to the Jewish community, of course, is not simply the loss of these two congressional supporters, but the embarrassing controversies which have brought shame to both

After a lengthy public trial, Reynolds was recently found guilty of sexual misconduct, specifically a longterm sexual relationship with a campaign aide who was only 15 at the time. He has also been convicted of attempting to coerce the young woman (now 19) not to testify against him, and of misuse of campaign

funds. For the past two years while the Senate Ethics Committee has been investigating allegations of sexual misconduct against Senator Packwood, he refused requests to hold public hearings. He reversed himself on this issue only a few weeks ago, but by that time the Ethics Committee's patience had run out and recently unanimously recommended that the entire Senate vote' to expel

Packwood, the chair of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, faces formal complaints filed by 19 women (at least two of whom were under 18 years of age at the time of the incidents) charging that he made unwanted sexual advances against them and physically attacked them. Other charges the senator include using his position in the Senate to secure jobs for his former wife in an effort to reduce his need to financially support her; and of altering evidence related to both the sexual misconduct and abuse of position charges. This week, the Ethics Committee unanimously found Packwood guilty on all three charges. If it were not for the fact that their careers and elections of both men presented such unique and difficult

ican Jewish community that their pasts and their transgressions deserve to be understood.

Packwood, a moderate Republican on most issues, won reelection five times and had served in the Senate for 26 years. During those years he has been one of Israel's most ardent supporters, at times embarrassing his Jewish friends with his excess praise for Israeli

Though liberal on many U.S. domestic issues (including, ironically, a longterm record of support from U.S. women's groups for his strong abortion-rights position), he was more hard-line than the Likud when dealing with Arab-Israeli issues.

In 1979, speaking at the annual conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), Packwood denounced the Camp David peace process and the Carter administration for attempting to "force Israel" to trade "land for peace." In his fundraising mailings targeted to pro-Israel Jew-ish donors, he played on their Israeli sympathies us-ing language that shocked

many. In one letter for his 1992 reelection campaign, he de-nounced the Bush administration's efforts to begin a dialogue with the PLO, engage Arabs and Israelis in negotiations based on a "land for peace" formula, and U.S. efforts to sell arms to Saudi Arabia. He urged supporters to help him so that he could help Israel, concluding his letter with

the following appeal:
"Instead of spending all my time raising money for my own reelection campaign, I'd prefer to devote my time and energies to protecting and defending the security of Israel."

In another letter, Packwood became even more crass in his blatant appeal for pro-Israel funds. That letter reproduces maps, the first of which shows the image of the Jewish kingdom at the time of Solomon (1,000 B.C.) which includes large tracts of Lebanese. Syrian and Jordanian lands. He goes on to give the reader a shocking one-sided view of Middle East history in order to make the point that Israel had already given up land.

What troubled many, including some American problems for Arab Amer-Jews, about the Packwood cans, it would have likely letter was his constant use of the personal pronouns been best to watch their exits in silence. But both "we" and "us" to describe Israel and Israelis in such men, non-Jews, were so exphrases as "...only Egypt ploitative of their relawould meet with us..." or, tionships with the Amer"...during the 1956 Sinai war we took the Sinai and then we gave it back..." and "in 1967 and again in 1973... we were savagely attacked..."

Statements such as these rompted even some major U.S. newspapers to ask, who is this "we", to whom is Packwood referring? Nevertheless, these fundraising tactics worked well for Packwood, and pro-Israel money continued to fuel his campaign machinery. In PAC money alone he raised \$110,000, placing third among the 1992 recipients of pro-Israel PAC support — despite the fact that during the first nine months of the campaign cy-cle he refused to take PAC

Shortly prior his last reelection campaign in 1992, however, women began to come forward with their accusations against the Republican Senator. (The newspaper which broke the allegations withheld the story until after election day for fear of influencing the election with facts of which it was not 100 per cent certain). While his former allies in the women's movement abandoned Packwood when these allegations began to look serious, this was not apparently the case with some elements of the American Jewish commun-

An article in a leading Oregon newspaper remarked that more than onehalf of the funds raised by Packwood's legal defence fund came from officers in leading Jewish organisa-"including \$9,000 from the Chair of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organisations and \$2,000 each from several of AIPAC's executive board members. When asked by a prominent Jewish newspaper to explain their support, some of those officials described Packwood as a friend of Israel deserving of their support.

Reynolds, an Affican American, has only been in Congress for three years, having first been elected in 1992. Although he has been a consistent supporter of Israel, his loss will be felt by the American Jewish community more deeply for domestic political reasons.

What Reynolds is best known for is his 1992 electoral victory over then Congressman Gus Savage, also an African American who had represented this largely African American district for more than a decade. The 1992 campaign was Reynolds' third attempt to unseat Savage, having also

run against him in 1988 and 1990. It was the 1990 race that brought Reynolds national attention.

Savage comes from the nationalist wing of the African American community. He was an ally of Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam movement and, at times, used racial themes to stir up the emotions of his constituents. The district represented by Savage and Reynolds is more than 70 per cent African American and more than 20 per cent A few days before the

March 1990 primary election (which is the most important race in the district since it is also more than 90 per cent Democratic), Savage held a press conference and announced that his research showed that his opponent, Reynolds, had received significant amounts of campaign money from many Jewish voters from outside the district. Actually, more than 90 per cent of Reynold's PAC money, according to a major U.S. newspaper, came from PACs directed by leaders of AIPAC.

Savage, who had served his district for more than 20 years in local, state and federal office, was outraged at the outside interference. What became a national scandal, however, was not Savage's facts but how he presented them. The fact was that pro-Israel PACs and board members of AIPAC were sending large amounts of money to defeat Savage; but Savage's presentation of that fact was too raw, too angry and to some sounded anti-Jewish.

Reynolds was cast in the national media as a moderate could heal the "Black-Jewish relationship" while Savage was increasingly an angry and divisive figure who used his race to win support.

Reynolds lost in 1990, but in his victorious 1992 campaign he raise an unprecedented \$542,000 to defeat Savage and his other opponents — compared to the \$190,000 Savage raised to win in 1990. A great deal of Reynold's financial support continued to come from the Chicago Jewish community. prominent national Jew ish newspaper, lamenting Reynolds political demise last week, acknowledged the support Reynolds had received and noted that he had become a "symbol of had become a "symbol of the closure of the black-

Jewish rift." While in Congress Reynolds did all the expected things, which Savage would not do. He voted for Israel's foreign aid, and

supported moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem. He received a position on one of the House's most powerful committees — a nearly unprecedented reward for a

But neither the powerful post nor the campaign war chest could stop his resignation once the Chicago jury convicted him.

Reynolds was an opportunist who sold himself to win political spoils, but he exhibited no control over his own behaviour. It is interesting to note that when Reynolds first de-cided in the mid-1980s to run for Congress, he first went to the Arab American community for support. That was shortly after Jesse Jackson's 1984 presidential campaign, on which Reynolds had worked along with a number of Arab Americans. When Reynolds realised that Arab Americans could not provide him with the sup-port he needed, Reynolds dropped his contact with Arab Americans and turned to the American

Jewish community. Arab Americans in Chicago had never been fully comfortable with Savage's behaviour, his antics in Congress and his use of racial division and hatred. What troubled the community about Reynolds was not that he received support from the Jewish community, but that he shut his door to Arab Americans once he took that money — on one occasion even expressing discomfort at being seen with an Arab American leader. In a sense (as far as Arab Americans were concerned), Reynolds' behaviour was as divisive and race-based as that of the candidate he eventually defeated.

What is troubling about both Packwood and Reynolds is how narrow their definition of service turned out to be. To not speak to Arab Americans, to be more pro-Israel than the Likud, to see the quest for power and position as an end in itself: These are not qualities of leadership.

Reynolds and Packwood are not losses to lament. they are examples of the tragic consequences of a electoral system and a political process gone awry. It was their abuse of women who brought them down but it was their shortsighted abuse of their poli-tical positions and the amoral quest for power they shared that laid the groundwork for their later

That is what we should all be lamenting.

ourselves to death freshman member of Con-ONE OF the greatest tragedies of our times is the change in people's

mores. Take the film industry, for instance. During my childhood and youth, film heroes were men and women who took a gallant stand on principle and, sometimes, came to a sticky end for it. Every healthy child knew what made a good movie: There had to be be a lot of fighting that climaxed in an epic struggle, at the end of which the hero came out on top. in those days heroes

It Occurred to

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By Ali Kassay

**Entertaining** 

were made to inspire Mr. Average, with 2.5 children, a mortgage, and a car on hire purchase. The cinema gave him an escape mechanism from' the humdrum of everyday life — a safety valve against depression and insanity, if you want. Then, to our chagrin, movie makers discovered. reality and became obsessed with it. Today's film hero seems to be Mr. Average himself. Over an hour and a half we are treated to a review of how he contrived to make a perfect hash of his life. then our agony comes to an end when he dies of AIDS. In case of a happy ending, the hero's spouse. who had run away at some point, returns and forgives him seconds before he perishes.

No one suffers from this new genre of movies more than Jordan Television and its viewers. TV planners, to be fair to them, are caught between a hammer and a hard place. First, they need to buy programmes. These are sold in packages, and the cheaper the package, the more the "social dramas". In our financially strapped times one has to take the rough with the smooth. At the same time the vigilant moral sensor would raise the hue and : cry at the slightest hint of . intimacy on the screen, be , it portrayed decently or otherwise. As a result, viewers are treated to an ; uninspiring fare which is largely limited to reruns of "Murder She Wrote". and tragedies about losing ' a relative. In the eighties ailing relations died of cancer. In the nineties : they die of Aids.

. I ask you! After a

week's hard work, when one collapses in his easy chair, musters all his reserves of energy to point the remote control at the box, and presses the button, is he seeking to be depressed? Is he eager to watch yet another case of child abuse, broken marriage or slow and painful death of fatal disease? Has he not enough problems of his own? Really, who makes these movies. and why? Would the scriptwriters, actors and directors devote their endof-the-week evening to hear about the viewer's problems? Seriously. why inflict such films on us? Whatever happened to movies in which the hero's horse never runs tired and his gun never runs empty? Social dramas like those described above are splendid for mid-week viewing, as treatment against insomnia. On Thursday night, however, why not show an old classic? There are hundreds of high quality films without a hint of nudity, where violence is not explicit and which make for splendid family entertainment. A film does not have to be painfully boring to be considered fit for the family, does it?

# A nation out of turn with the rest of the world

#### France has exploded not just the seabed, but its self-image, says Mary Dejevsky

week must have been an unenviable job. There was looting and burning in Gauguin's Pacific paradise of Tahiti; two of the most idyllic islands in the French Caribbean had been devastated by hurricane Luis, and almost everywhere else on the globe was throbbing with virulent anti-French protests following France's first nulcear test for threeand-a-half years.

Even in mainland France there was the prospect of manhem to come as mollycoddled publicsector workers spoke of their fury and frustration at being told to accept a pay freeze next year. Widespread labour unrest looms for the winter.

All this in the space of a few days has been a rude shock for France and for the French, who are used to thinking of themselves and their country as quiet, cultured, self-contained and utterly irreproachable, whether in appreciation of the better things of life or in observance of universal values such as freedom and human

TO BE editor of a French trrupted periodically by news organisation last farmers' protests and occasionally by a student revolt, but these were home-grown distractions; they did not seriously challenge France's view of itself or the world outside. Most particularly they did not challenge France's sense of its own superiority; they even helped to confirm it. Their farmers' produce might be more expensive, but it was better; their students might be rioting, but revolution was a French prerogative necessary to the renewal of the social order.

> This time, though, it is precisely this sense of national superiority that is being attacked. From Tokyo to Washington, from Sydney to London, there are placards of President Chirac with a Hitler moustache; French wine is being poured intoi dustbins. The nation that thought of itself as having attained the height of civilisation is being portrayed as barbaric. What is more, France has had to pay

On Thursday the Defence Minister, Charles Millon, Their tranquil existence
might have been inmanaged in one short set of remarks to call for respect for law and "the republican

order in Tahiti, to offer talks with pro-independence groups there, to pledge more troops to the island, and to insist that France would proceed with "seven or eight nuclear tests" for the sake of French "and European" security. The contradictions in his

remarks clearly derived from the need he saw to address several different groups of people: the noters on an is-land which is constitutionally part of France, the law and order lobby in mainland France (which is most of his party and many others besides), the defence establishment, and the outside world. Where once a haughty "no comment: France will do what France must do" might have sufficed, this is clearly no longer so.
so what has happened to

France? The short, superficial answer to this question is: Jacques Chirac. In four months. France's new president has given politicians the world over a lesson in how not to win friends and influence people. His decision to resume nuclear tests as almost the first act of his presidency is only the most egregious of his essays in

It may be true, as Mr. Chirac has contended, that he had no choice about the timing of the announcement or the timing of the tests, as both were dictated by the need to complete the series in time to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty next year. His apparent assumption that France could avoid being put in the world's dock because it was France and because French nuclear tests were somehow more justifiable than other people's probably for a very long time

tests, however, showed a serious misunderstanding of the post-cold war world. As his falling ratings in

domestic opinion polls show even his own voters are not quite sure what they have let themselves in for. They elected him to tackle what he, and they, saw as their growing problems, unemployment and, above all, divisions in society. Now they find themselves pilloried for their nuclear defence policy not only from predictable quarters, but by countries as remote from France in every respect as the Philippines and

It is not only France's nuclear defence policy, however, or even the fact of the nuclear tests\_that is being pilloried. but France's insensitivity to what the rest of the world thinks. The rioting in Tahiti was inspired, as Oscar Temaru, the leader of French Polynesia's small independence movement, put it, "humiliation, frustration and

French officials may argue that the violence was deliberately instigated as well as it may have been, but this does not alter the fact that hundreds of Tahitians were out on the streets looting and burning, that their anger was directed against the French authorities, and that hundreds more were watching them without protesting. Nor does it alter the fact

that a single decision by the president of France, which has been widely judged -- as one French commentator put it - "out of harmony with the age," has at a stroke inspired thousands of consumers worldwide to boycott French goods: harmed —

- France's prized diplomatic role, especially in the Far East and Australia, but probably also in many parts of Europe; and last but not least, immeasurably strengthened an anti-colonial movement in a remote part of the world that is none the less

an integral part of France. The increasingly defensive statements from French officials in the past two days have shown that last week's nuclear test at Mururoa atoll exploded more than a hunk of basalt seabed. It exploded many of France's favourite assumptions about itself and its place in the world: its embodiment of civilised values, its consummate practice of the diplomatic arts, its role as a paternal and benevolent colonial power; above all, its confident

Mr. Chirac has talked often about a sovereign and independent France. The purpose of his nuclear test series, he insisted, was to ensure French security and preserve that independence. But global communications and global agitation, whether by environmental groups or others, mean that the policy of almost any national government is now circumscribed. No country with international aspirations can escape the judgement of pubhe opinion; not just its own, but that of the many other countries with which it maintains diplomatic and economic relations.

So, Mesdames et Messieurs, and Monsieur le President de la Republique, welcome to the real world! You have taken your time arriv-

Minister Sharif Zeid Ben the conference.

Spanish premier ends visit

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Meanwhile, reporting on

prospects for the proposed

Mideast development bank,

Israel's English-language dai-

ly Jerusalem Post said Tues-

day that Mr. Gonzalez had

told Mr. Rabin that the prop-

osal was unlikely to be real-

"Gonzalez told the prime minister that most of the

European countries are

against the development

bank," the Post quoted an unidentified Rabin aide as

saying. "While saying that a formal decision has yet to be

taken, he made it clear that it

does not look good at all."

carries a lot of weight, as

Spain currently holds the

rotating chairmanship of the EU, and the EU holds an

effective veto over the estab-

lishment of such a body. A

decision on the bank must be

made within the next six

weeks, before the regional

economic summit convenes

in Amman. The development

bank was expected to be cen-

tral to plans for financing of

Foreign Minister Shimon

Peres, who has been active

for the last two years in press-

ing for a development bank,

has yet to give up. His meeting with French President

Jacques Chirac in Paris (Sun-

day) is seen as a last-ditch

effort to save the bank by

winning French support for

Mr. Peres's remarks to re-

porters after the meeting sug-

gest that he did not bring Mr.

Chirac around. He said that

France favoured other ideas

A senior finance ministry

official said that Germany,

the EU's leading financial

power, has been leading the

drive against the establish-

admit that if EU rejects the

idea of a development bank

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Palestinian leader Yasser

Arafat on Monday requested

tions with Israel on the West

Union and the entire world to

help effectively and construc-

tively in reaching very quick-ly an agreement," Mr. Arafat

said after a 21/2 hour meeting

by the parties themselves."

Mr. Gonzalez' trip comes

at a time when Europeans are

seeking a broader role in the

In occupied Jerusalem Monday, Mr. Gonzalez reiterated the EU's commit-

ment to coordinating interna-

tional monitoring of Palesti-

nian elections in the West

Bank and Gaza expected by

committed to sending observers and to coordinating

(them)," Mr. Gonzalez said

after meeting with Mr.

Rabin. "Also, funding has

already been earmarked for

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Also discussed were Jordan's relations with EU as well as Spain, a proposed partnership agreement between Jordan and the EU. Mr. Gonzalez indicated that Spain might extend debt relief to Jordan, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said without details.

Shaker, Mr. Gonzalez,

whose country currently

chairs the EU, reaffirmed the

European bloc's commitment

to supporting the Middle

East peace process and eco-nomic development of the

It was not immediately clear whether Mr. Gonzalez discussed a proposal to set up a Middle East development bank to finance regional projects. Israeli newspapers re-ported Tuesday that Mr. Gonzalez had told Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that the EU was likely to reject the proposal.

King Hussein and Mr. Gonzalez summed up the outcome of his talks at a joint press conference shortly before the Spanish premier's departure for Syria.

'All matters of mutual interest were discussed - bilateral relations, the peace process and events in the region," the King said in an opening statement.

Describing Mr. Gonzalez as a "dear friend I always admired over the years" and Jordanian-Spanish friendship as something he "treasured and cherished," the King said the Spanish leader's visit had come at a "historic moment" not only for the Middle East but also for Europe.

Mr. Gonzalez, who visited Israel and the Palestinian self-ruled Gaza Strip before arriving here late Monday, paid tribute to the King's "tremendous political vision and courage in defence of the peace process and said his visit to Jordan was "perhaps ... the most fruitful phase of our trip to the Middle East."

"In addition to our bilateral relations, the European Union has mandated me to come here to see if we can explore ways of helping the peace process politically and economically," Mr. Gonzalez said in Spanish through Arabic and English interpreters.

Spain itself and the European Union in general will be actively participating in the MENÁ summit, where regional economic cooperation, infrastructure and development projects and business EU support in his negotia opportunities in the region will be the key themes, Mr.

Gonzalez said. He also referred to a proposed partnership agreement between Jordan and the European Union and expressed hope that "we hope to finalise it as soon as possi-

with Mr. Gonzalez. bile." It is expected that the In a rare gesture, the accord will be signed in 1996. Palestinian leader travelled The King said Syria's decito the Israel-Gaza border sion to attend a EU meeting crossing to greet Mr. Gonin Barcelona, Spain, in November of EU member zalez. They then drove through Gaza City streets bedecked with Spanish and countries and 12 non-EU Palestinian flags.

Mediterranean countries was Mr. Gonzalez, on a foura "step forward," given that Syria has been staying away day tour of the region, said Mr. Arafat "asked me to from meetings on regional cooperation as part of the Arab-Israeli peace process make pressures" to reach the much-delayed West Bank (Syria will not be attending

the MENA summit either). "But we hope (the Syrian decision to attend the Barcelona conference) will be followed by many others because we are seeking a comprehensive peace in the re-

gion," the King added. Mr. Gonzalez said he was 'not carrying any Israeli mes-'sage to Syria to break the impasse in Syrian-Israeli peace talks, but said "it is imperative that the peace process pick up in places where negotiations are dead-

The Spanish leader, who held talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders before coming here, said he had no confirmation that Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation had set Sept. 21 as the date for signing an agreement on expanding self-

Mr. Gonzalez also hinted rule to the West Bank. the EU might increase econo-Crown Prince Hassan held mic aid to the Palestinian talks with Mr. Gonzalez over National Authority after the breakfast Tuesday morning. elections. "I am not saying The key theme for discusthat they are linked, but of sions was Jordan's vision of course progress in the peace relations and economic coopprocess would help matters," eration with Europe, includhe said. ing Spain, and potential for

Mr. Gonzalez said he foreign investments in the would look for possible economic development projects In a separate meeting. the European Union could Sharif Zeid and Mr. Gonget involved in, but did not zalez reviewed Jordan's key provide details.

role in the region and prepa-Mr. Arafat was also exrations for the MENA sumpected to ask Mr. Gonzalez mit and said both Spanish for Spanish aid in building an \*Public and private sectors airport and a sea port in the would take an active part in impoverished Gaza Strip.

#### Jordan assails Libyan move

(Continued from page 1) been refused permission to enter the Strip by Israel, even though their relatives said they had entry papers.

had asked Arab League General Secretary Esmat Abdul Meguid to "intervene to stop the tragedy" which has been denounced by PLO Mr. Sobeih said the PLO lleader Yasser Arafat.

# Hussein Kamel: There should be pluralism and political parties in Iraq

FOLLOWING IS the full text of an interview that Iraqi former Minister of Industries Hussein Kamel gave to Time Magazine. The interview appeared in this week' edition of the magazine.

Time: Why did you decide to defect?

Hussein Kamel: I was motivated by the interests of the country. I reached the point where I found (criticising erroneous policies) to be futile. For the past 15 years Iraq has not stopped fighting. It has ended up accumulating debts that will require generations and generations to repay. There are too many executions in our society, too many arrests. Whatever the age of the critic — whether 80 or 15 many people are executed. For these reasons I left. Time: How did you manage to leave Baghdad without arousing suspicion? Baghdad at around 8 p.m. on Aug. 7. We said we planned to attend a conference in Bulgaria (and would travel there via Amman), so it was an official motor-

Hussein Kamel: We left cade with security. When I arrived at the Iraqi border crossing, they never even asked me for my passport. We arrived in Amman at 3:30 in the morning of Aug. 8. I don't know Amman very well because on previous trips all our arrangements were taken care of by Jordanian protocol. It was rather difficult to reach a

hotel. We found a taxi, and

I asked somebody from our security detail to get into the taxi and take us to a

Time: There have been reports of a shooting in Bagh-dad involving President Saddam's eldest son Uday (seemingly second in power these days) and Saddam's half brother Watban Ibra-

him Al Tikriti? Hussein Kamel: There was a shooting on the same night we left Baghdad to go to Amman. According to information I have verified. there was a fistfight between Saddam's brother-inlaw Luay Talfah and Watban's nephew Nemir Diham. Subsequently Luay told Uday, who was at another party. Uday rushed in and started firing indiscriminately. The host was shot, and also Watban, and two members of the president's security detail. Some Gypsy dancers and other guests were shot. Eight women were killed or wounded. Uday is wellknown for such behaviour. It was late at night, and alcohol had affected him. Such incidents have taken place in the past, and nobody held him accountable. Time: There was an earlier incident involving the beat-

ing to death of a servant?

occasion Uday was also drunk. President Saddam's valet was seated close to Uday at a party. The valet got into an argument with one of Uday's security guards. Uday hit the valet with a club and the man died.

Time: Is it true that the president has cracked down on Uday? Hussein Kamel: No. Uday

is still active. Time: Can anybody in Iraq dissent from the regime's policies without fear of imprisonment, or torture or

Hussein Kamel: If there is a conversation between two people in which one of them criticises any subject related to the regime, the fate of both of them is execution. Anybody who criticises the regime even in the slightest way, faces execution.

Time: Did other members of the government ever criticise the regime? Hussein Kamel: It never

happened. Time: You have been described as unfit for power by Barzan Ibrahim Al Tikriti, President Saddam's half brother. What was your relationship with him? Hussein Kamel: Barzan is the kind of person who does not attach value to anvbody. He was very harmful to the Iraqi people — imprisonments, torture, ex-

Time: Were you responsible for putting down the postwar rebellions of the. Shiites and Kurds? Hussein Kamel: After the

war ended, a civil war broke out. Huge massacres took place in many towns and cities. I took office as minister of defence right after the revolts were put down. But the Ministry of Defence was not in charge of putting down these revolts. It was some small units (of the Republican Guard) that took responsibility across the country. Time: Did you have anything to do with the suppression of those revolts?

Guard. Time: What is your response to charges that you embezzled money?

Hussein Kamel: I was in

charge of the Republican

Hussein Kamel: Yes, it has been said that Hussein Kamel was in charge of the economy of Iraq from 1985 to 1995 — 70 per cent of the economy of Iraq. It has been said that Hussein Kamel has amassed a great fortune outside Iraq. If anybody proves I have any money outside Iraq. I am ready to give him this

Time: Since your defection, Iraq has provided new information to the U.N. on its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programmes. Have all the sec-

rets been disclosed? Hussein Kamel: They have given information, but I don't know if (the U.N.) has managed to verify it all. It is a huge amount of information. It will take a

long time.
Time: Why didn't you use these weapons during the

Hussein Kamel: How can you use them while you are fighting the whole planet? Any mistake of using these unconventional weapons will make the major powers use nuclear weapons, which means Iraq will be exterminated.

Time: What would have happened if the U.S. Army had entered Baghdad?

Hussein Kamel: We concluded that the possibility was remote. All the Iraqis were sure that no armies would enter the city. War in the cities is very different from war outside. Firing missiles from a distance and aerial bombardment usually. result in fewer casualties for the attackers. But the minute you enter a city, a schoolchild 12 years old becomes a fighter. Or even a 70-year-old.

Time: Have you met with any American officials? Hussein Kamel: No. until now I haven't met any Americans, but I certainly will not prevent myself from doing so. Time: What is it you would

like to see for the future of

**Hussein Kamel:** Iraq should be a stable, secure country, able to interact with the Arab countries and the West. Iraq should avoid wars. There should be pluralism and political parties. We should put an end to these shameful executions. Time: In order for that to happen, doesn't it require an overthrow of the reg-

Hussein Kamel: Yes, of course. The Iraqi opposition is now in place to overthrow the regime. I am talking now about the opposition inside the country. I know everything about it, all the details - Iraqi army officers, government offials, university professors

and all the graduates and also the Iraqi citizenry. Time: But doesn't it require leadership by the army?

Hussein Kamel: This is true. The catalyst will be for the people to join the army in taking the initiative. All the Iraqi people are armed. Everybody is now ready. But there are things that must be done before the first spark is ignited.

Time: Do you think you are a target of assassination? Hussein Kamel: I know the regime in Iraq. I knew even before my departure that they would be ready to set aside the entire Iraqi budget to eliminate Hussein

#### King: Policy on Iraq unchanged

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Iraqi people as permitted under the international sanctions and would also continue to receive Iraqi oil under bilateral

"There have been some questions as to borders and a possible closure of these borders," said the King, who was answering a question. "As far as we are concerned, we will do everything we can on the humanitarian level, food, medicine and whatever else is permitted under the U.N.

On the other hand, we will continue to import oil (from Iraq) in accordance with the arrangement between the two

"That is one aspect of the situation," said the King. "Beyond that, let me say it very, very clearly, when I speak of the Iraqi people, I speak of their suffering, whether externally or internally induced,"

"The Iraqi people have a right to what" they have not experienced for a long time, said the King. He referred to parties (Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds), lack of pluralism, democracy and respect for human rights."

"I could not keep a blind eye to what has been made clear to me of the degree of the suffering of the Iraqi people on both dimensions, external and internal," said the King.

#### Meeting tackles 'displaced'

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Israelis are still debating the definition of the displaced Palestinians. Foreign Minis-try sources here said it meant that the two sides were discussing whether the definition includes the offspring and relatives of the original displaced Palestinians.

The head of the Israeli delegation, Yosef Hadas, "We are helping make the views of the two parties clossaid Israel "hoped to reach a common ground to be able to start practical terms." he said, but stressed the differences "should be solved

The group met in Israel and in Egypt in July where the talks centred on procedural issues.

Mr. Hodas said he was confident that practical progress could be made in Amman towards the eventual return of the displaced. Hundreds of thousands of

1996," Mr. Shahankari said. Palestinians were displaced The Palestinians and when the Jewish state occupied the West Bank and Gaza Strip in 1967. The United Nations esti-

mates the number of displaced persons from the 1967 war to be 700,000 but Israel put the number at 200,000. Jordan, which has been host to the largest number of displaced Palestinians from the West Bank had stipulated in its own peace deal with Israel that the problem of these Palestinians and of the refugees has to be resolved according to the framework

of international law. Egypt ran the affairs of the Gaza Strip between 1948 and 1967 when it was occupied by Israel. Its Camp David agreement with Israel also insists on resolving the problem of displaced Palestinians.

had not seen the royal car.

father, is spending the sum-Salalah and is not always when he goes on tours.

gency said Sultan Oaboos had told King Fahd of Saudi Arabia who had telephoned him that he was well and had not been hurt. Interior Minister Badr Ben

Saud said that a third passenger, Zawawi's older brother, Omar, "suffered minor in-

government figure since Sultan Qaboos overthrew his father, Saced Ben Taymour,

The old sultan abhorred the modern world and kept his country on the southeastern tip of the Arabian peninsula locked in an almost medieval past.

Sultan Qaboos, with Zawawi's help, used Oman's oil revenues to catapult the country into the 20th century. introducing electricity and building hospitals, schools and roads for its two million people. As minister of state for

foreign affairs between 1973 and 1983, Zawawi shaped up was instrumental in setting up strong ties with western pow-

From 1983 and until his death, Zawawi served as deputy prime minister and chairman of the Development and Construction Council. He was considered the Sultan's closest adviser and the architect of the country's oil and economic poli-

the U.N. Security Council voted to lift the oil ban.

market this month or next.

At every (U.N. review) of

sanctions, we prepare

ourselves to start exports but

we also prepare ourselves for

a long siege because there are

evil forces at work," Mr.

The U.N. Security Council

Mr. Khudayyir arrived in

Morocco unexpectedly on

Friday carrying a verbal mes-

sage from President Saddam

Mr. Khudayyir, who met the king on Monday after-noon, said he discussed with

him latest developments on

the Arabs scene and at the

French claims that there was

no risk in the structure of the

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European Commission

President Jacques Santer said

last week the commission

could not rule on the impact

of the tests until it had all the

The commission is waiting

for Paris to fix a date so a

team of experts can be sent to

Mururoa atoll to monitor the

tests, an arrangement which

has been agreed with French

They want to gather the details they need before the

President Jacques Chirac.

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United Nations.

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Hussein to King Hassan.

on Friday decided not to

modify the Gulf war sanc-

tions imposed on Iraq.

Khudayyir said.

"We want to return to the

#### PLO jails 2 'wanted' men (Continued from page 1)

As the preparations were being reported by Israeli media Monday, the Jericho military court sentenced the two suspects, Shaher Ahmad Ali Rai and Yousef Mohammad Rai, to seven years each for disorderly conduct, harming security and incitement against the peace process.

Palestinian court officials said the Rai brothers were not involved in the killings of the hikers.

Mr. Arafat meanwhile guestioned the usefulness of a planned meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Shiomy negotiations are blocked, his spokesman said. Mr. Arafat was expected to

arrive in Alexandria, Egypt, later Tuesday for talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, the PLO leader's spokesman Marwan Kanafa-

"Mr. Arafat will have urgent meetings with Mubarak on the usefulness of Wednesday's meeting" with Peres in Taba, Egypt, along the border with Israel, Mr. Kanafani

added. "The two leaders will discuss the obstacles that prevent the conclusion of an accord, especially the issue of Hebron," he added.

Israel's refusal to withdraw its army from the volatile West Bank town of Hebron, where 400 Jews live amid 120,000 Palestinians, remains the main obstacle to reaching an accord on the next phase of self-rule.

According to Arafat advisor Nabil Abu Rudeina, the PLO leader wants a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to unblock negotiations on extending Palestinian autonomy across the West Bank.

"The meeting in Taba could serve to prepare a meeting between President Arafat and Prime Minister Rabin to settle the unresolved issues and see if Israel is serious about reaching an agreement before Sept. 24,"

Mr. Rudeina said. He added that the PLO was ready to soften its position and accept a gradual Israeli withdrawal from Hebron over three months.

"What had been signed in Washington and Cairo is clear — withdrawal from all populated areas before the (Palestinian) elections," Mr. Arafat said in Gaza.

"This means from cities, towns, villages, refugee camps and hamlets. And you know, Hebron is one of the very important cities in the West Bank," Mr. Arafat said.

Jewish settlers threw eggs at Israeli peace activists who came to Hebron on Tuesday to show solidarity with a Palestinian girls school stormed by settlers, witnesses

Arab students defiantly raised two Palestinian flags at the Gordoba school in the centre of the West Bank city as Israeli left-wing legislator banned in Israel.

Dedi Zucker and some 20 Peace Now activists looked

on, the witnesses said. Israeli soldiers and police escorted the settlers away. It was not clear if any of the peace activists was hit.

Settlers stormed the school on Sunday and Monday to remove a Palestinian flag which had been raised by the self-rule Palestinian Authority when Israel transferred control of education to the PLO last year. Hebron is still under Israeli occupation.

On Sunday, settlers beat the headmistress of the school and threw empty bottion. A municipal spokeswoman said at least four girls were hurt.

A Palestinian leader said Muslims would never agree. to share with the Jews the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron. Hassan Tahbob, the Palestinian minister of Islamic property, said that if the Palestinians regained control

of the complex, Jews would be allowed to visit but not Since the occupation of Hebron in 1967 when Israel

seized the West Bank, the Israelis have set up a synagogue in part of the mosque. The siting of the two places of worship has led to tensions which spilled over into blood-

Jewish settler gunned down at least 30 Muslims at prayer. "The Palestinian position on the Ibrahimi Mosque and the Islamic sites is that no Muslim has the right to negotiate the status of a mosque. It is not a synagogue," Mr. Tahbub told AFP in

shed in February 1994 when a

Jerusalem. "We are ready to welcome all visitors, but as far as religious practices go, this is a Muslim site which must be reserved for Muslim prac-

Israeli Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet said Monday that Israel must keep control of the site and Rachel's Tomb in Beth-

A far-right Jewish extremist who emigrated to the United States has ereturned to Israel announcing he plans to set up a private militia to "protect" settlers in the occu-

pied territories. Mike Guzovsky, who spent several years in New York, told reporters as he returned to Tel Aviv late Monday: 'I'm back to start a Jewish force to protect the settlements.

Mr. Guzovsky was interrogated at Tel Aviv airport for several hours by Israel's General Security Service (Shin Beth) before being released. He said security agents confiscated computer disks and other material be had brought with him.

Mr. Guzovsky first hit the headlines two years ago when he began organising paramilitary training for Jews in New York. He also headed the U.S. branch of Kahane Chaia, an anti-Arab group

#### NATO pounds Serb depots

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The Serbs have relished semirecognition of their republika

Mr. Karadzic said it was incompatible to talk peace but make war and questioned the sincerity of the Geneva

peace process. U.S. peace envoy Richard Holbrooke, who played a major role in setting up the Geneva talks, briefed Mr. Clinton in Washington on Monday on the status of efforts to end the bloodshed in Bosnia, the White House said in a statement.

Mr. Clinton ordered Mr. Holbrooke to return to Europe on Tuesday for further negotiations and welcomed the progress that had been made towards a comprehensive political settlement "that will preserve Bosnia-Herzegovina as a single state while providing a viable future for all its peo-

Russia believes NATO has grossly overstepped the U.N.'s mandate in former Yugoslavia and has asked for U.N. Security Council

meeting to raise its concerns. Russia's envoy to Brussels Vitaly Chrukin told reporters: "This thing can get out of hand. We think that a way must be found to stop this escalation as quickly as possi-

The Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement: There is an impression that NATO under the disguise of statements about its commitment to a political solution, is in fact turning the longsuffering land of Bosnia into a testing site for imposing its 'new role' in European and international affairs."

meet the U.N. demands.

France assails New Zealand

NATO Secretary-General Willy Claes said the solution to the crisis lay solely with Bosnian Serb military commander General Ratko Mladic who, despite positive signals from the Pale political leadership, had refused to

Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi on Tuesday criticised the firing of cruise mis-siles at Bosnian Serb targets and said it should not be misconstrued as defence of the Bosnian Muslims.

#### Omani minister dies in accident (Continued from page 1)

the grievances of a citizen in bloodless coup in 1970. when another vehicle driving at high-speed smash into it. Sultan Qaboos is "safe and sound and was not hurt" in the accident, the statement said, adding the other driver

The 55-year-old Omani leader, who came to power in 1970 after overthrowing his mer in his native town of accompanied by bodyguards

The official Saudi Press

Zawawi had been a key

#### Jordan and Iraq plan (Continued from page 1)

said, will take several years to

In Rabat, Iraqi Finance Minister Abmad Hussein Khudayyir-said on Monday Iraq wanted to return to the oil market this month or next but that "evil forces" were conspiring to maintain the U.N. trade embargo on Baghdad.

Mr. Khudayyir, who spoke to Reuters after meeting Moroccan King Hassan, replied with a no-comment when asked if Iraq would agree to a U.N. proposal for partial oil sales to pay for humanitarian supplies like food and medicines.

Iraq has rejected the proposal as violating its sovereign-

Asked when Iraq hoped to resume exports of crude oil, Mr. Khuddayir said Iraq could resume exports once

lear testing in the South Paci- possible to confirm or refute fic, he said. An EU report published Monday reiterated that atoll itself "without having France's EU partners needed confidential French information on its nuclear testing programme before they could judge if it was dangerous.

"In order to rule reliably on the risk of movement in the porous rock and geological structure (around Mururoa atoll in the South Pacific), it is necessary to have access to data" on changes due to underground tests, it added. "Until now French author-

ities have refused to divulge this data, classing it as confidential information," said the report from the European Commission, the EU's executive arm.

next test is carried out, prob-The report said it was imably in three to five weeks.

# **OPEC** hope of higher output ceiling dashed by chronic cheating

LONDON (R) — The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is learning the hard way that people who live in glass houses should not throw stones.

Chronic quota-busting by several of its key members has forced the oil producers' group to abandon demands that other producers share the burden of stabilising world oil prices.

The lack of discipline and consistently weak oil prices has led most of OPEC to the reluctant conclusion that there is no room for it to raise its output ceiling in 1996, senior OPEC delegates say. The delegates from va-

rious influential OPEC members, say that unless prices improve substantially OPEC will decide at its November meeting to maintain the 24.52 million barrels per day (b/d) ceiling for at least the first half of next year.

"It would not just be stupid to raise the ceiling, it would be a crime given the cheating." a senior OPEC delegate said.

Most OPEC members, including those in the Midest Gulf, want to optimise révenue rather than hike output quotas and enter a risky market share war with top oil producers outside the group.

the year's peak of \$19.38 hit on May 1.

Oil traders and analysts warn that any OPEC ceiling rise might hit prices hard because of market perceptions that the group was abandoning its role as residual supplier.

"If they roll over (the ceiling), prices will strengthen since the market is able to absorb the current production even with the cheating. If they increase, they'll be looking at much lower prices," said Oystein Berentsen, head of crude oil trading for Norwegian oil giant Sta-

toil. Venezuela and Nigeria, two of the biggest oil produc-ers in the 12-member OPEC, have steadily turned up the taps pushing overall OPEC output in August to its highest levels in 15 years.

According to a Reuters survey of industry officials and analysts inside and outside OPEC, the group pumped more than 25.7 million b/d last month, more than one million b/d above the official ceiling in place since September 1993.

The quota violations damage OPEC's case in trying to convince large producers outside the group like Norway and Mexico to help shoulder production down if we cannot keep out own house tidy?" a Gulf source said.

Several OPEC delegates said when OPEC meets for its end-year session on Nov. 21 in Vienna, there will be no repeat of the harshly-worded threats it levelled at non-OPEC at its last meeting in

"There will be litttle if any mention of non-OPEC this time. OPEC will not enter a war of words nor will there be any threats of free for all," a senior OPEC Gulf delegate

Nor will OEPC lobby other producers for help when they meet for three days of wideranging but informal talks on broader energy issues later this month in Venezuela, the sources said.

"We have all but given up hope of any cooperation from non-OPEC. One cannot forget that many of them are net importers so demands for them to cut are not realistic." an OPEC delegate said.

Oil prices fell in June when incoming OPEC President Erwin Arrieta said abandoning the quota system was one option open to OPEC to regain market share lost over the past two years.

Only last week, the International Energy Agency said demand for OPEC oil will rent output, despite a predicted surge of some 1.6 million b/d in overall world oil

At the same time, increased supplies from the North Sea and key Latin American producers should help boost non-OPEC oil supply by a sharp 1.4 million

The incentive to maintain the status quo is fortified by the fact heavyweight OPEC producer Saudi Arabia is anxious to avoid heated hag-gling over increased individual quotas for the sake of raising the ceiling a few hun-dred thousand barrels per

Everyone will be demanding a bigger share: of the ceiling and to (the Saudis) it is not worth the bother. No one will benefit," A Gulf source said.

This source argues that the Saudis are the only OPEC member losing potential market share, because of the OPEC ceiling freeze since it is the only member sitting on substantial unused capacity. Saudi output capacity is ab-out two million b/d over its eight million b/d OPEC

"The rest of OPEC is producing at or near capacity. The rest of the producers outside OPEC are producing at will so the only one losing market is Saudi Arabia," he

workers are losing out to a

flood of imports from cheap-

deficit in merchandise

climbed to a record \$49.04

billion, \$4.84 billion above

the first quarter figure. The

surplus in services was up

slightly to \$15.67 billion.

For the second quarter, the

er wage countries.

# Dollar decisively clears 100 yen barrier

Money becomes the final

TOKYO (R) — The resurgent dollar finally made a decisive jump over the key 100 ven barrier in Tokyo Tuesday and headed for the next strategic point.
The dollar strode con-

fidently beyond the psychological 100 yen level in early morning on buying by overseas funds and mark buying for yen through cross trading, hitting 100.85 yen in late afternoon, its highest level in Tokyo since January.
"Overseas funds' buying

and yen-selling across the board were the main driving force," said a U.K. bank

dealer in Tokyo. Dealers in Tokyo said the dollar would challenge 101 yen soon as selling pressure by Japanese exporters was receding. This would make it possible for the dollar to break through this year's high of around 101.40 yen, which was marked on Jan. 4. The 100 yen level appeared

BEIJING (AFP) — U.N.

states carved their way

through disputed text at the

World Women's Conference

Tuesday, but remained

sharply divided over a core

issue: How to pay for their

an easy goal for the U.S. currency last Friday, when Japan's central bank slashed its already record-low key lending rate in half to 0.5 per cent and followed up with aggressive dollar-buying, which some dealers estimated totalled \$5 billion for the day.

But the dollar's rally had lost steam by Monday as the market was disappointed at a lack of coordinated intervention by other international monetary authorities.

Some Tokyo dealers attributed Tuesday's dollar rally to market talk that a highranking Japanese finance ministry official, in a meeting with bank dealers on Monday, implied he was looking for the dollar to strengthen

Although the dollar failed to reach 101 yen in Tokyo, its downside appeared quite solid. Cash-rich individuals were seen to be enthusiastic about buying the Australian dollar and the German mark through securities houses. which limited the U.S. cur-

rency's falls against the yen.
"Individuals' foreign bond investments without currency hedging (against risks of dol-lar falls) has been increasing," said a dealer at a Japanese securities house in Tokyo.

"High-yielding financial products which individuals took up five years or so ago are maturing this year, and these cash-rich investors are hoping to reinvest their maturing funds in the foreign bonds," he added.

Yen deposits have become an even less attractive option for these funds, because local interest rates have fallen again following the discount

A bond manager estimated that individuals' foreign bond investment in Tokyo had totalled one trillion yen in the past month, much more than buying by institutional investors.

The German mark also rose on buying by U.S. funds and Japanese investors, hitting the 68 yen level for the first time since May 1993. The mark stood at 68.18/21 yen at 0809 GMT against around 67.85 yen at its close, in New York.

Dealers attributed the mark buying to investors' demand for mark-denominated bonds carrying higher interest rates than those on yen bonds. Investors were enthusiastic about an issue ofmark-denominated bonds by the World Bank, they said.

An official at the World Bank's Tokyo branch said terms on the bond have not been set, but the issue volume was expected to be between two billion and three billion marks.

#### the burden of production res-The price of North Sea brent is hovering around "What hope have we to average just 24.8 million b/d U.S. trade deficit of \$43.6 billion

is worst performance in history WASHINGTON (AP) -The U.S. trade deficit shot up to \$43.62 billion for the last quarter, the worst perform-

ance in history. The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that the deficit in the nation's current account climbed 11.8 per cent for the April-June quarter from a first-quarter deficit of \$39.03 billion.

The soaring trade deficit presents a political problem for the Clinton administration, which has made economics a key priority of its foreign policy. It was the worst showing

on record, topping the old mark of \$43.28 billion set in the final three months of last The current account is the

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ndise, services, investment flows and a category that includes America's foreign aid payments.

Through the first six months of this year, the current account deficit is running at an annual rate of \$165.24 billion, well above last year's deficit of \$151.25 billion.

The bad news on the current account confirms the trend that has been apparent in the government's monthly trade statistics, which measure trade in merchandise and services but not the other categories.

America's worsening trade performance this year has come as something of a surprise to economists who believed that the slowing U.S. economy would cut into demand for foreign goods.

Some analysts blamed the problem on the fact that the

THE Daily Crossword by Richard Thomas

value of the dollar weakened considerably during the first half of the year.

While a weaker dollar normally acts to narrow the trade deficit over time by making U.S. goods cheaper and thus more competitive on overseas markets, the immediate impact often is to widen the deficit as foreign goods go up in price more quickly than demand for the products de-

President Bill Clinton has insisted that the country must "compete, not retreat" globally and to this end he has pushed for trade liberalisation through a number of big trade agreements such a free trade pact with Mexico and a 124-nation global trade

> However, administration critics contend that this policy has been a failure and U.S.

#### charter's finely-worded commitments. While agreement on paper, is expected Thursday on the

cornerstone Platform for Action, delegates from developed and developing nations — as well as within these blocs - Tuesday still fought over sections on financial resources. The dispute centres on

efforts by the G-77 group of poorer nations to make donor countries' provision of "new and additional" resources a condition for implementing the document.

The Platform, due to be adopted on the conference's final day Friday, is a huge document, with recommendations ranging over health to legal reforms and

#### micro-economic measures. "The G-77's moves are turning the Platform into a U.N. pledging document focusing on developing nations rather than a commitment to improve the status of women globally," complained one European diplo-

A European Union (EU) delegate recognised the need of many developing countries for aid, but said his team would refuse wording that focused only on boosting these funds yet failed to stress reallocation of existing resources and the need to make

full use of capital markets. "The debate should be put in its proper context and not simply be a matter of more money from the North," he said, adding that the extreme

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one letter to each square, to form

views of the United States on one side and African nations on the other would be difficult to reconcile. Norwegian delegate Asb-

jorn Mathisen, whose country is committed to maintaining aid at least at existing levels, voiced concern at the position of the United States, where efforts to cut the budget deficit will trigger a sharp fall in overseas assistance in coming years.

"Norway and the EU are ready to use the same Janguage as at (previous U.N. conferences) in Cairo and Copenhagen... but the Americans want language that is not so tied to money or resources," he said.

Instead, the U.S. delegation is pushing a radical view that rich nations should stop.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Aralric

battlefield at women's conference vainly increasing assistance flows and instead promote more sustainable strategies for Third World development.

> "We are kidding ourselves about the role of bilateral assistance," said U.S. delegate Melinda Kimble. "I don't believe any small country in Africa is going to have social development financed by aid flows - it's not sustainable even if it was dou-

bled." Ms. Kimble said discussions here should be about how to use available government and, more importantly, private resources "to unleash the potential of women and men everywhere.

"We have to find a way to 🐧 empower communities to solve their own problems.". ? she said, calling for money to .. be targetted directly at people rather than through governments.

#### HOROSCOPE FORECAST FOR WEDNES-DAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1995

By Thomas S. Pierson. Astrologer, Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation :

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Give more attention to what you know will please those who dwell with you, and show you are devoted.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Let usual partners be more aware of your loyalty and devotion to them and become more successful thereby.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Find the right way to improve real estate and other possessions you may have. Study investments before you shell out any money.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You arise with a happy feeling and can make engagements which are very pleasing. Be with friends today.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) This is a good day to contact the object of your affections and get good results, though this was difficult to do before

today. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You are bright and joyful today and should contact those persons you feel very compatible.

Wear the right kind of clothes. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Get into the world of activities early today

and you can make much headway with your talents. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Be alert to new conditions which can be very helpful to you later today. Listen to those with different ideas.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You today understand how you can be more efficient at your tasks and gain greater be-nefits, so full speed ahead. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Don't be so bogged down with the practical today that you pay little heed to the needs of a part-

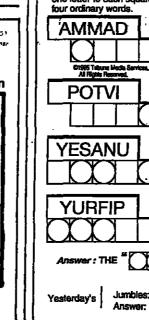
AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Plan how to get your duties handled more intelligently and then you can make real progress. Get out socially this evening.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) This is a good day for enjoying recreation which most pleases you. You have an opportunity to impress others with your talents.

Birthstone of September: Sapphire — Lapis Lazuli



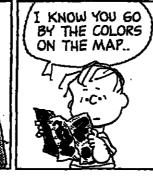




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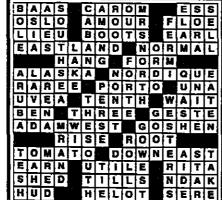
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#### Dinar coin, JD 50 bill seen linked to market requirement, price rises

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vailing beliefs, it is more expensive to mint a dinar coin than to print a banknote, economist and former minister Jawad Anani explained in commenting on Central Bank plans to issue dinar coins and introduce JD 50 bank notes. He said that the usage of the dinar banknote was very high necessitating continuous replacement and discarding and that required much effort at the commercial banks and the Central Bank. Accordingly, changing a currency from a highly erosive type to another not erosive type would be a feasible process that should be carried out, Dr. Anani said. He viewed the planned introduction of a JD 50 banknote as being a response to market demands. noting that Jordanians still made their payments in cash, using cheques and credit cards on a limited scale. Dr. Anani indicated that cash in circulation in Jordan, the West Bank and Gaza has sharply gone up recently reaching JD 1,100 million whereas when the JD 20 banknote was introduced, the money in circulation was onefifth of that amount.

Marwan Awad, general manager of the Middle East Investment Bank, stressed that there was definitely no relation whatsoever between changing the form of a currency or issuing larger denominations and the intention of any central bank to paging growing than devalue a currency. He pointed out that higher prices and cost of living and the extensive usage of money ne-50 M. cessitates issuing higher de $g_{\rm control of cont$ nominations. However, Mr.  $(R_{\omega}p_{\omega}) + \rho_{\omega}p_{\omega} + \rho_{\omega} = \rho_{\omega} p_{\omega}$ Awad cautioned that bank- $\chi_{\rm const} = \gamma_{\rm const} (h_{\rm const}) (2^{2})$ notes of high denominations usually encourage forgery attempts. But, he said, by changing specifications every seven to eight years, the chances for forgeries become less. The banker pointed out that increases in prices reduce the value of money and, as such, the need for coin money for easy circulation The second section of the second seco becomes justified.

Wasef Azar, general manager of the Business Bank. said the Central Bank was aiming at easier financial dealings between individuals and traders and he denied rumours that coin money or a higher banknote denomination has anything to do with currency devaluation. Mr. Azar noted that there was a \$1,000 banknote in the Unsed States despite its very small circulation. He said that people in Jordan deal in cash on a wide scale with some carying thousands of dinars and, by introducing a JD 50 banknote, it would become easier for those people to handle their dealings.
"We hope that they (people)
would change this habit of
carrying cash and start dealing with banks and using credit cards and cheques." he

Quhafa Mahasneh, a financial analyst, said the announcement of a dinar coin has come too early and created a state of anxiety and mistrust to the man in the street despite the fact that all indicators point to a strong economy and a healthy foreign exchange reserves.

Hani Saudi, a moneychanger, said that as a result of the confusion caused by the Central Bank's plans for a JD 50 banknote the dollar surged on Sunday rising by three to five fils above the Central dank rate. The market rate cased to a margin of three to four fils Monday. Mr. Saudi said everything was normal and saw no justification to issue a high-denomination banknote as such a measure Same and the second usually means the presence of inflation or large money in circulation in the market (Al

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# Mitsubishi quits Rockefeller Centre

NEW YORK (AP) - The Japanese company that controls Rockefeller Centre abandoned its stake Tuesday under a deal that would transfer title of the famed office complex to a highprofile American investment

troika. If successful, the deal would end the centre's fourmonth odyssey in bankruptcy court and mark the most striking retreat by a major Japanese company from an American investment.

It also would spell the end of any ownership role by the Rockefeller family, a dynasty of American capitalism that made the 12-building midtown Manhattan landmark an icon of power and prestige.

Poised to take over is a group led by investor Samuel Zell, who has built a fortune by acquiring distressed real estate; General Electric Co. (G.E.) and its National Broadcasting Co. (NBC) subsidiary and the Walt Disney

Rockefeller Group Inc., controlled by Mitsubishi Estate Co., announced a plan to surrender the art deco property to Rockefeller Centre Properties Inc., the trust that holds its \$1.3 billion

mortgage. "It's a little bit surprising that it's come to this, that they're willing to walk away without slogging it a little further through the bankruptcy," said Wayne Teetsel, an analyst at BDS Securities Corp. in New York, a

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brokerage firm.

Rockefeller centre Properties Inc. said Tuesday it signed an agreement with the group led by Mr. Zell. The Zell group would invest \$250 million in the property. The new venture would seek bankruptcy court approval to take title.

G.E. and NBC, among the most famous tenants of the centre, reached an agreement in principle to join the Zell investment group, said a statement by Rockefeller Centre Properties. Disney earlier said it wants to partici-

Meantime, Rockefeller Centre Properties said that in light of the uncertainties surrounding the bankruptcy court proceedings, it is suspending divided payments for the third quarter.

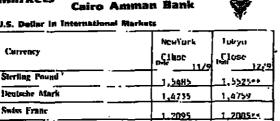
The swirl of announcements cáme as a bankruptcy court hearing convened on the property's future.

"The transaction would permit us to restore the financial health of Rockefeller centre by reducing its debt load and strengthening its capital structure." said Peter Linneman, chairman of Rockefeller Centre Prop-

Japanese companies including Mitsubishi invested huge sums in real estate during the 1980s, when prices were high and affluent investors from Japan were pouring money into everything from Hollywood studios to American golf courses.

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# Omani stocks seen spiralling up by year-end

DUBAI (R) — Solid halfyear results are set to send Omani stocks spiralling skywards in the next few months as investors plough back into shares after long summer holidays, analysts have said.

"I see the index at 165 or 166 by year-end," representing an increase of almost eight per cent, an investment analyst at brokerage Al Ahlia Portfolio Securities Co. in

The index, started in July 1990 at 100 points, is now around 153, after moving up meagre two points since Analysts based their up-

beat predictions on a solid set of half-year results, which have only recently been re-"About 15 companies have

reported their half-year balance sheets, which are much better than last year," said Walid Nasser, general manager at Financial Services Co. "I expect volume and prices to move up sharply by end-September because some results were very good," said

Mahmoud Al Jarwani, the exchange's executive president, said most first-half results released so far showed increases in profitability of more than 15 per cent. "I feel it is good."

HELSINKI (AFP) — Finnish

paper and forestry groups Kymmene and Repola de-

cided Monday to merge their

activities, creating one of the

world's biggest forestry op-erations and the second such

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UPM-Kymmene will exceed

seven million tonnes per year. The companies,

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Bank and insurance company profits were particularly robust. Many banks had recently tightened lending rules and improved their loan collection procedures, which helped lift profits.

Apart from a higher index. dealers also expect to see continued price strength of those shares - in particular new shares - which are not included in the index.

New companies are first listed on the so-called parallel market and can only be registered on the main bourse after two years of profits. Loss-making companies on the main market are moved back to the parallel market until they return to profit.

There are currently 84 listed stocks, of which 49 are on the regular market. The index is made up of about 40

Brokers said demand for new issues was strong. 'Many new shares, issued in the past year, are trading about 20 per cent above their par values, while shares of companies that have been established for some time are

already quite high," one said. Mr. Jarwani said new issues would negatively affect the index in the short term as investors liquidated stocks to fund purchases of new shares. "They will put more

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For the first four months of

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that profits before financial

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pressure on our index because some money will come from the secondary to the primary market."

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the market," he said. Oman has an active privariding the wave sweeping across the Gulf to lessen de-

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The Muscar market is the most open of all Gulf bourses, with liberal foreign ownership rules. Earlier this year it started implementing cross-listing with nearby Bahrain.

Mr. Jarwani put foreign investment at 14 per cent of the market's 1.2 billion rials (\$3 billion capitalisation adding that most foreigners invest in the market through mutual funds. Brokers see a continuation of this preference among foreigners.

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the first half of this year rose to 227,000 shares in an average 100 deals from 193,000 shares in 41 contracts in the first half of 1994.

"We are the cheapest market in the Middle East." Mr. Jarwani said, adding that the market's price-earnings ratio - the prices of stocks divided by their per-share earnings, and the lower the better was around 11, below those of many other emerging mar-

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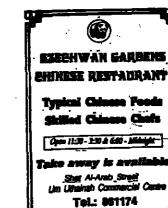
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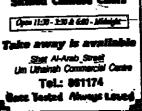




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retaining the title. Egyptian Magdi Al Sayad scored the only goal with 12 minutes left at Al Menzah Stadium in Tunisia and 1969 champions Ismailia need only a draw at home later this

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#### AFRICAN SOCCER

tory in Ghana over Abuasi Goldfields.

Nigerian Akim Ogunlade and Congolese Florent Baloki were on traget in the opening half of the Abidjan club, attempting to become the first champions from Ivory Coast since Stade Abidjan in

On a wonderful weekend for visiting sides in the pre-

Mbilinga were the only home winners, defeating newcomers Orlando Pirates of South Africa 2-1 in Gabon through a last-minute goal from Jones Ogandaga, his fourth of the competition. Cup-Winners' Cup holders Daring Club Motemba Pembe battled to break down Nigerians Julius Berger in

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hours local time Tuesday 17 October 1995. Sameh Madani

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### Will NBA's '95 season begin Nov. 3?

NEW YORK (AP) - What happens after results are announced of the NBA players' vote to determine whether the players' union will be disbanded could turn on who wins and by how much.

The losers are likely to challenge the election results. erecting legal roadblocks that could delay the opening of training camp Oct. 6 and drag on past Nov. 3, when the season is scheduled to start.

Votes on decertifying the union were to be counted publicly by national labour relations board officials Tuesday. Both the union leadership and the group backing decertification, led by NBA stars Michael Jordan and Pat-rick Ewing, were confident of victory.

Jordan and Ewing argue that players can get a more favourable labour agreement by dissolving the union and pursuing an antitrust lawsuit against the league.

In balloting on Aug. 30 and Sept. 7. players cast their votes in large numbers. The heavy turnout was believed to benefit the union.

A vote for retaining the union also is considered a vote for a proposed labour agreement, many players said they cast reluctantly. If the union wins the election, 21 of the league's 27 player representatives must still formally ratify the new deal Wednes-

day at a meeting in Chicago. On Monday, Jeffrey Kessler, the lawyer representing Jordan. Ewing and other players in the decertification drive, sent a letter to union chief Simon Gourdine, saying his group is concerned Wednesday's meeting and possible vote "will be another rush to judgement that tries to avoid, instead of respect, the wishes of a majority of players.

"This would break the promise the union made... that all players would get a chance to vote on any proposed deal." Kessler wrote.

Gourdine said the union's constitution provided for a ratification vote only by the player representatives.

The proposed collective bargaining agreement has been in the hands of the players since shortly after Aug. 8." he said. "We think there has been ample opportunity for all of the players to have full and frank discussion of all of the terms of the proposed agreement.

The margin of the victory could well determine how the player representatives vote. In June, they killed a prop-osed agreement by tabling a

However, union leaders have said they expect the deal to be ratified this time. That would clear the way for team owners to approve the agreement at a scheduled Sept. 18 meeting and lift the lockout that began July 1.

# 2nd division basketball teams play crucial matches today

By Aleen Bannayan Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Second division basketball third day of competition in the 7-team tournament sponsored by Opel.

While Al Hussein and Gazzet Hashem battle for top place in Group A in Irbid. Homentmen and Karak will fight it out in Group B in Amman to secure qualification to he second round.

Only seven teams are taking part in the competition at the end of which only one team will be promoted to the first division as the Jordan Basketball Federation (JBF) is trying to reduce the number of teams in the country's top division.

Al Hussein and Homentmen who were prepared well as most of their players are on includes Jeel, Karak, Homentmen and Yarthe Under-22 team which had qualified with mouk. the country's top teams — Ahli. Orthodoxi and Jazireh — to the U-22 final round which

was played recently.

Accordingly, Al Yarmouk easily beat Al decide the team Karak 70-48 (41-28) in their first match, while second division.

Homentmen stumbled and surprisingly lost their opening match 77-42 to Al Jeel, Later on. Homentmen lodged a complaint with the JBF as Al Jeel had a Yarmouk player on their teams play crucial matches Wednesday on the team. The IBF checked its records and it turned out that a technical mistake at registration had dropped Al Yarmouk's player Murad Abida's name from his team's 1995 records and he thus played with Al Jeel despite the fact that he was still officially registered with

Al Yarmouk. The JBF decided to replay the match Sept. 17 and asked both Al Jeel and Yarmouk to adhere by rules in the future.

In other matches Guzzet Hushem beat Al Ashrafieh 52-50, and Al Hussein beat Al Ashrafieh 100-87.

The competing teams are playing the first relegated last year, in addition to Al Yarmouk are the top contenders. However, Al Yarmouk seem to have the edge. Their team has Hussein, while Group B plays in Amman and Interpreted well are a contended to the contenders.

The top teams in each group will play a knockout second round after which the winners will play the final match Sept. 20 to decide the team that will be promoted to the



Cincinnati Reds second baseman Bret Boone Cincinnati September 11. Boone has been one pops a bubble prior to his turn at bat against of the Reds most dependable players, making the Florida Martins at Riverfront Stadium in only 2 errors in this season (Reuters photo)

#### Anti-fatigue herb to help Chinese divers

next May and to begin regular use at the 1996 Olympic

BEIJING (R) — In the 1996 Olympics, China's divers may no longer suffer the effects of exhaustion caused by a tight schedule, thanks to obscure

Tibetan herbs, according to a southern Chinese newspaper seen in Beijing on Tuesday.

Chen Yiming, chief coach of China's national diving team, is mixing up a fatiguerelief tonic with extracts from Tibetan herbs, Guangzhou's Yangcheng evening news re-

Chen plans to test his po-

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Games in Atlanta, it said. As a diver-turned-coach, Chen has seen working on his own anti-fatigue formula for 30 years in the belief a swift recovery from physical fatigue helps produce the best performance.

Chen visited the tibetan capital, Lhasa, in July and met traditional Tibetan herbalist who introduced him to 10 herbs believed to have properties to relieve exhaustion, including four to rebuild body strength and others to ease mental strain.

Chen reassured the news-paper that the herbs contained no form of stimulant. A stream of Chinese athletes has tested positive for performance-exchanging drugs in international competition in recent years, including seven swimmers banned after the 1994 Hiroshima Asian Games.

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suit. South decided that discretion was the better part of valor.

West led the king of spades, and it did not require a bridge genius to realize that, as long as ciubs were 3-2 or West held the King of hearts, the contract was unbeatable. Therefore, declarer set out to see if a 4-1 club split could be neutralized. No sure way was available, but South spotted an interesting possibility.

Declarer won the opening lead in band, led a middle trump to the king and ruffed a spade. Another trump to the queen drew both sutstanding langs while providing an entry to ruff the last spade high. Now declarer exited with a low club!

We would like to say that, sitting West, we would have shot up with the queen—a 'crocodile coup'—and swellowed partner's jack. Truth to tell, however, we would have followed low, as the West, and East was endplayed.

A spade return would yield a ruff-sluff, so East was forced to return a heart. Declarer ducked that and, whether or not West held the king, the contract was secure—either the queen would win or furnish a discard for decharer's remaining low club.

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#### SPORTS IN BRIEF

Courier, Sampras in Kooyong Classic

MELBOURNE (AFP) - U.S. Open semi-Tennis Classic, the lead-up event to the January 1996 Australian Open, organisers said Tuesday. Courier, who lost to eventual U.S. Open champion Pete Sampras at Flushing Meadow, joins Sampras and world robin event from January 10-13. Other play-ers already contracted include Yevgeny Kafel-juries early Monday. nikov, Michael Stich, Wayne Ferreira and Tyson reaches settlement agreement Stefan Edberg. The last place in the tournament will be filled by either Boris Becker, last NEWARK (AP) — Former heavyweight

son Mandela was Monday invited to Glasgow the WBO world junior flyweight crown. The Mike is in training for his next fight and is very November 18 bout, billed as the Battle of the focused on staying on track," Trombadore "Little Big Men.." is expected to be fought said. Polaner filed the civil suit against Tyson before a sellout crowd at the 7,000-seat Kelvin on Aug. 17, 1990, accusing the boxer of Hall. Mandela, a keen amateur boxer in his sexually assaulting her, beating her and threyouth and one of Matlata's most prominent atening to kill her at different times during fans, had been invited to the match, Scottish 1988. Polaner was working for Tyson's thenpromoter Tommy Gilmour said. Mandela's wife, actress Robin Givens, at the time. office has not yet decided whether to accent the invitation. Matlala earned a name for Ferreira advances in Bordeaux tennis himself in Glasgow when he beat Scottish BORDEAUX (AP) — Defending champion in May 1993.

#### 100 people injured in soccer riot

DHAKA (AP) — Police fired rubber bullets and tear gas shells to quell thousands of rioting soccer fans in a northern Bangladesh village, injuring at least 100 people, news reports said Monday. About 3,000 fans from two local rival clubs fought each other with rocks and sticks on Sunday at Thakrakona Village in Netrokona district, 80 miles (128 kilometres) north of Dhaka. The fighting erupted after a controversial foul decision during a game between Barhatta school team and Netrokona district team. The match ended in a 1-1 draw, Dhaka's Ingilab newspaper reported. Although Bangladesh's Leeds pair in injury scare paper reported. Although partial national team rarely qualifies for international events, soccer remains a popular game in the Wednesday's UEFA Cup tie with doubts over Wednesday's UEFA Cup tie with doubts over

#### British driver dies of injuries

BERLIN (AP) - British driver Keith Odor Tottenham on Saturday. Although they join died Monday of injuries suffered when his the trip to the Principality a late decision will Nissan was hit broadside by a car travelling be made on their fitness. Manager Howard 190 kilometres per hour (120 miles per hour) Wilkinson is hoping both will be fit in time, during Sunday's Super Touring car race on though winger Rod Wallace is again ruled out the Avers Course in Berlin. The crash and following a shin operation. David White, who Odor's death raised anew serious questions deputised at White Hart Lane, is again about using an improvement of the street of the line of the circle flow. about using an improvised race course on the expected to fill in on the right flank. Wilkinautobahn for such high-speed driving. Mayor son said: "I am hoping Carlton and Gary will Eberhard Diepgen said there should be a recover in time but it is too early to be sure. I thorough investigation before ruling on future just hope the players respond to Saturday's races on the Avus, as the stretch of the defeat in a positive manner against Monaco."

autobahn is called. Odor's car appeared to be out of control as it came out of a curve. It grazed a barrier on the left side of the course, finalist Jim Courier will play in the Kooyong spun and hit the barrier on the right side. The car was almost stopped in the middle of the track when an Audi driven by Frank Biela of Germany smashed into it at top speed, striking directly into the driver's side of the Nissan. Rescuers took a half-hour to cut Odor No. 1 Andre Agassi in the eight-man round- out of the wreckage, and he was flown to the university clinic where he died of head in-

year's winner Michael Chang or Australian champion Mike Tyson has reached a settle-Patrick Rafter. The Australian Open, next ment agreement with a woman who accused year's opening Grand Slam tournament, gets him of sexual assault, his attorney said Tuesunder way at Flinders Park on January 15. day. The settlement means Tyson would not have to interrupt his training in Las Vegas to Mandela invited to WBO bout appear in court Tuesday, when the civil trial was to begin. His accuser, Phyliss Polaner. JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - President Nel- former publicist for Tyson's ex-wife, and Tyson's attorneys agreed on a settlement to watch South Africa's Jacob "Baby Jake" Monday night, said John Trombadore, his Matlala challenge Scotland's Paul Weir for New Jersey attorney. "The case is closed.

hero Pat Clinton for the WBO flyweight title Wayne Ferreira of South Africa advanced to the second round of the \$400,000 passing shot tennis tournament Monday by defeating Dutchman Sjeng Schalken, 6-3,6-4. Ferreira, seeded second, had a tough time winning last year. Due to rain throughout the first five days, Ferreira had to win four matches in 30 hours over the final weekend to take the title. In other first round matches, Dirk Norman defeated Belgian compatriot, Kris Goossens, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3; Jason Stoltenberg of Australia ousted French wild card, Olivier Mutis, 6-2, 6-2; greg Rusedski the former Canadian now playing for Britain, topped American Jim Grabb, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 and former finalist in Bordeaux, Ronald Agenor of Haiti, eliminated Cristiano Caretti of Italy, 6-2, 7-5.

Gary Kelly with an ankle injury and Carlton Palmer with an injury to his foot sustained when Leeds lost their unbeaten record at

### Sanders signs with Cowboys for \$35m

DALLAS (R) - The Dallas Cowboys made it official on Monday, formally announcing the signing of star cornerback Deion Sanders to a seven-year. \$35 million contract that includes a \$13 million signing bonus.

Appearing at a news conference in Texas Stadium. Sanders, wearing a Cowboys baseball cap and a blue pinstriped suit, suggested he could have gotten more money from another team. but I truely want to be a Dallas Cowboy.

The contract with the 28year-old Sanders — who will be the second-highest player on the team - has a viodable clause of five years at \$25 million at the team's discretion, the Cowboys said.

Sanders, who is also a professional baseball player with the San Francisco Giants. had also been courted by the San Francisco 49ers and De-

nver Broncos. He said, "this wasn't a decision just based on finances," and suggested he was in Texas for the duration of his career.

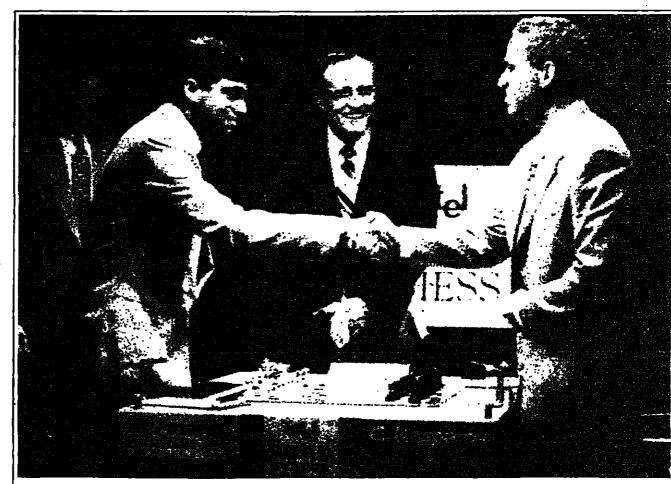
The Cowboys, who pursued Sanders heatedly through drawn-out negotiations, are convinced he will help them win the Super Bowl in January. However. the high price tag for a parttime football player currently nursing a bad ankle has been the subject of hot debate

Cowboys' coach Barry Switzer said the signing of Sanders - the 1994 National Football League defensive player of the year with the Super Bowl champion 49ers - was something "I've dreamed about for several weeks now."

"It's become a reality." Switzer said Monday

Sanders is considered one of the top five cornerbacks in the league and has played wide receiver and feturned kicks on a limited basis. He is known for his arro-

gance and swagger, and some observers are concerned that his huge contract will cause resentment among his new teammates.



Chess challenger Vishy Anand (left) of India shakes hands with world chess champion Garry Kasparov from Russia as New York Mayor Rudolf Giuliani looks on at the start of the

first game in their best of 20-game match in New York (AFP

# World Chess Championship opens atop World Trade Centre

NEW YORK (AFP) - Indian grandmaster Viswanathan Anand and Russian World Champion Garry Kasparov drew in 27 moves on Monday the first game of their PCA (Professional Chess Association) World Championship match held here atop the World Trade Centre.

"Spend your money," New York Mayor Rudolf Giuliani told spectators gathering for the match earlier in the day. "We'll collect taxes on what you spend," he added. The Republican, a staunch advocate of business in New

York, thanked Kasparov for organising the tournament on the 107th story of the Manhattan landmark's twin towers. Robert Brice, executive director of the PCA — the association founded two years ago when Kasparov broke off from the International Chess Federation, touted the role computer maker Intel played in supporting the

Intel has plowed four million dollars into the PCA this year, including some 1.5 million for the championship tournament, according to ptess reports. The winner will take two thirds of the prize and the loser the rest.

The sprawling last floor of the Trade Center, which offers a sweeping panorama of the New York skyline, will remain open to visitors throughout the championship, which should end October 13 unless one of the players wins

beforehand. Promoters hope the siting of the competition will boost the public interest in the game:

But a number of tourists were far from thrilled Monday with the skyrocking price of admission in the observation floor, which has been increased from 3.50 dollars to 15 dollars during the title tournament.

"I don't give a (expletive) about their game. I'm here for the view," complained an elderly tourist from the Midwest.

But chess enthusiasts seem to have no problem in paying 75 dollars for one of 30 privileged seats in front of the glass, soundproof cage where the champions will slug it out four

Some 120 other chess experts and fans, notebooks and chessboards in hand, follow each move on several giant television screens set up in the area which experienced some technical glitches on Monday.

"The official statement is that I'm written out sick," said a 40-year-old businessman who was hiding behind a potted plant from probing television cameras.

"I hope there will be a winner before-the end of the month, otherwise I'll be in trouble," he added.

The flamboyant Kasparov, 32, is favoured to win the tournament, but the public openly roots for Vishy, his quiet and serious-looking 25-year-old rival, considered the most

talented chess player of his generation.
"It's good for Vish," said U.S. grand master Max Dlugy after Kasparov drew black late Sunday. "He gets a chance to probe Kasparov's defences."



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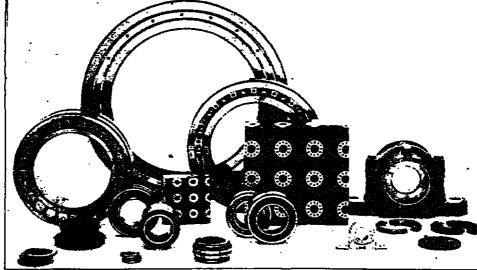
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# Sudanese take to streets demanding freedoms

KHARTOUM (Agencies) --Thousands of students and civilians took to the streets in protest for a second day Tuesday, and police responded with tear-gas to try to quell the demonstrations, Egypt's Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported.

Government-backed newspapers blamed the outlawed Communist Party and foreign-based opposition groups for the unrest, which left at least 10 people injured on Monday. It was unclear if the injuries were caused by shoving, tear-gas or police opening up with live ammuni-

Residents of Khartoum confirmed that there was renewed rioting in parts of the capital on Tuesday, but gave no details.

In dispatch from Khartoum, MENA said that Sudanese security forces fil-led the streets of the downtown and neighbouring Omdurman and set up checkpoints at crossroads and bridges to block the demonstrators. Reservists were called to duty, it said.

MENA said the protesters called for political freedom and shouted slogans against the government and Islamic leader Hassan Tourabi, who is believed to be the power behind the government in

Some of the demonstrators marched to one of Dr. Tourabi's offices, but he was not. there, MENA said.

On Monday, the rampage began at Khartoum University and spread to a nearby. market. Rioting results in thousands of dollars in damage to cars and banks, Sudanese newspapers reported.

A number of students were arrested, but no exact figure has been released by the gov-

Official Radio Omdurman quoted an unnamed. Sudanese security official on Tuesday as saying the demonstrations were organised by the Communist Party. The radio also blamed unidentified "foreign quarters."

It was an apparent reference to Eritrea, which hosted a conference of Sudanese opposition groups earlier this

The security official charged that the students behind the unrest were trying to implement resolutions of the Asmara, Eritrea conference, which called for the overthrow of the military government of General Omar Al Bashir.

A spokesman for the opposition Umma Party in Cairo said "violent demonstrations broke out in the downtown Khartoum around noon (0900 GMT) and others in Wad Madani and Port Sudan."

MENA reported: "Security forces have closed off traffic in main arteries and bridges in the Sudanese capital to stop workers and government employees from joining the demonstrations.

'Thousands of students from the capital's three universities, participated and were joined by thousands of citizens."

Protestors marched to the headquarters of the Council of International Friendship, thinking Dr. Tourabi was there, but guards at the building convinced them he was not, MENA added.

"A huge number" of university students and residents joined in the protests in Khartoum in which several. cars were smashed, Salah Galal, another Umma member said.

Police fired live ammunition into the air but "they have refused to fire on the protesters themselves," Mr. Galal said, citing sources within the Sudanese police. Authorities called out

military police from the army to protect "sensitive locations" in the city, such as gas stations and banks, Mr. Galal said.

Earlier, Sudanese state radio said the situation in Khartoum had been "fully controlled" after some 3,000 students took to the streets along with residents on Monday protecting an increase in bread prices and calling for the regime's fall.

The Egyptian daily Al Jomhouriah reported that Sudanese police fired on demonstrators on Monday with live ammunition and teargas, "leaving eight people unconscious and injuring 15 others.

Dozens of students were

#### arrested in the protests, the Arab daily Al Hayat re-

Students also held demonstrations in Khartoum's sister city Omdurman on the opposite side of the Nile River, lasting four hours, Al Hayat said, adding that "gunfire lasting 20 minutes was beard from the city."

The Sudanese daily Al Engaz Al Watani said students on Monday gathered "in a peaceful demonstration in central Khartoum which then turned into subversion and rioting at which point the police responded with tear-

The Sudanese press said "a limited number of rioters and saboteurs" joined the protests, "burning five motorcycles, destroying a number of cars and stoning the front of several banks."

Police intervened with tear-gas after demonstrators began stoning passers-by, 'injuring a number of citizens including a judge, Al Engaz Al Watani said

Protesters chanted: "The people are hungry. Bashir you coward" and "Tourabi must enter the Kober." referring to a Sudanese prison, Al Jomhouriah said.

The protests came after reports that the price of bread would be increased due to a doubling of what prices over the past month, Al Havat said.

Sudanese Finance Minister Al Haj Attalmanan announced last Friday that bread prices would rise by 50 per cent to keep up with rising wheat prices. Gen. Bashir took power in

a military coup in 1989, ousting the elected government of Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi. He immediately banned political parties and installed an Islamic regime with the backing of Dr. Tourabi.

Last month, Gen. Bashir said he would release all political prisoners. Among those freed was Dr. Mahdi, who has been under virtual house arrest for the past six years and had been jailed for more than three months.

Sudan has been plagued by chronic food and commodities shortages and soaring inflation. There have been reports in recent days of a severe shortage of bread.

# N. Iraqi border

ANKARA (Agencies) -Turkish separatist Kurds attacked a border post in northern Iraq wounding two
Turkish lorry drivers in a four-hour shootout, the Anatolia agency said Tuesday.

agency said that militants. from the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) had opened fire late Monday from hills near the Brahim Khalil post on the

Gunfire erupted between the PKK and Iraqi Kurds from the Kurdistan Demo-

Three villages between the border town of Zakho and Dohuk were also attacked by

One thousand lorries cross through the border post daily carrying Iraqi oil in exchange for food, in a practice toler-ated by the United Nations despite the five-year sanctions imposed on Baghdad

ing KDP militias at the end August in a bid to wreck a U.S.-sponsored accord between rival Iraqi Kurds who have controlled northern Iraq in defiance of Baghdad since the aftermath of the 1991

The PKK has accused the KDP, led by Massud Barzani, of supporting Turkey's bid to wipe out the separatists who have waged an 11 year battle for an independent homeland in southeast Ana-

cedented" for "a diplomat accredited to another country to pull the trigger of a rifle."



CROWN PRINCE MEETS GONZALEZ: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Tuesday receives Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez for a breakfast meeting. The key theme for the meeting was Jordan's vision of cooperation with Europe, including Spain, and potential for investment in Jordan (see page one)

## Egypt says it reserves right to 'self-defence' against Sudan

CAIRO (Agencies) - Egypt said it had the right to selfdefence against Sudan as the Organisation for African Unity (OAU) blamed Khartoum for an attempt to kill President Hosni Mubarak, an Egyptian paper reported

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa urged members of an emergency OAU meeting in Addis Ababa to "stand" together against Sudan's behaviour" in support of Islamic militants, the daily Al Ahram said,

Mr. Musa stressed to the committee for conflict prevention "Egypt's legitimate right to self-defence against Sudan," the paper said.

The committee issued a statement calling on Sudan to end its support of "terrorism" and to hand over three men wanted by Ethiopia for the June 26 attack on Mr. Mubarak in Addis Ababa. Sudan has denied any in-

volvement in the attack from which Mr. Mubarak escaped Mr. Musa told Al Ahram the panel had asked the Un-

ited Nations "to follow de-

velopments in the investiga-

He also presented the panel with a list of 20 camps in Sudan for training armed Islamic extremists, the paper

An unnamed African diplomat said the meeting, scheduled to focus on the

here which left one Pakistani

Kabul

conflict on Burundi, had "turned into an open trial of the Sudanese government.' In its statement the OAU ealled on "all governments, and in this case the government of Sudan, to desist from engaging in activities of assisting, supporting and faci-litating terrorist activities and

from giving shelter and sanctuary to terrorist elements?" Ethiopian Foreign Minister Seyoum Mesfin said the attack on Mr. Mubarak "was an operation which was supported, assisted and facilitated by the security organs of Sudan," OAU sources

said. "There are also strong indications that diplomatic covers were used," he added. He described the gun attack on Mr. Mubarak's motorcade as "a criminal act" which Ethiopia could

reasonably and legitimately claim the right of selfdefence. "The evidence is overwhelming that Sudanese security officials were deeply involved in the assassination attempt on the life of the Egyptian president," Mr. Seyoum told the extraordinary session of the OAU con-

flict resolution body. Ethiopia raised the issue unexpectedly at the one-day special session called to dis-cuss what OAU Secretary-General Salim Ahmad Salim has described as "the looming catastrophe" in Burundi.

Sudan is not a member of the OAU's 16-nation conflict resolution body, but its ambassador to Ethiopia, Osman Al Sayed Fadei Al Sayed, attended the session as an observer.

He told the body his gov ernment was not informed in advance that the issue would be raised at the session and therefore he could not respond in detail to the Ethiopian accusations.

Mr. Seyoum said Ethiopia decided it had no option but to raise the issue and make the accusations against Sudan at the session. 'The alternative would

have been to ignore this involvement in what can only be termed as state-sponsored terrorism... against an African head of state. The crime is unprecedented in the whole history of inter-African relations," said Mr.

A Sudanese government committee denied Monday that Sudan was sheltering two of the wanted men.

It said the third had entered Sudan before the assassination bid on a forged passport. He would be handed over once he was caught. although he might aiready have left the country.

Reports in the Arabic daily Al Hayat Monday quoting Sudanese distance himself from Islamic hardliners and reduce the influence of spiritual guide Hassan Torabi.

### Rabin to protest Russian nuclear sale to Iranians

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is to protest Russia's plans to sell nuclear reactors to Iran during a visit to Moscow during which he also hopes to boost military and economic ties.

"Rabin will drive home his opposition to the supply of reactors, which Tehran could use to build atomic bombs, senior foreign ministry offi-cial Dan Orian told AFP on

Tuesday.

Mr. Rabin, who kicked off a two-day mission to Ukraine on Tuesday, is to fly to Rus-sia on Wednesday for a 24hour visit.

Moscow announced last week that it had signed a contract to provide two more reactors for the Bushehr nuc-

lear plant in southern Iran. A first contract for a 1,000megawatt nuclear reactor worth almost \$1 billion was signed at the beginning of this

The United States and Israel have voiced concern over such deals, accusing Iran of seeking to obtain nuclear Tehran, which strongly

opposes the Arab-Israeli peace process, insists its nucear programme has only civilian purposes.

Mr. Rabin is expected to

meet Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev during his stay in But a meeting with Russian

President Boris Yeltsin, who is on holiday, is not on the cards. The daily Yediot Aharonot said here that Mr. Yeltsin had turned down an Israeli request for a meeting. Mr. Orian said: "The main aim of (Rabin's) visit is to develop economic relations

to reassure Moscow on its role in the Middle East peace "Economic ties remain modest in relation to their potential," he said, adding Israel wanted to "lift obsta-

with Ukraine and Russia and

Israel is concerned that Russia may feel distanced om the Orian said.

cles to projects already drawn

"On the political level. Israel believes Russia has an important role to play in the peace process which it jointly sponsors with the United States, even if the latter is getting all the limelight," he

Israel wants to avoid Russia "throwing a spanner in the works (of the peace pro-cess) if it feels sidelined," he said, adding Moscow could help the Jewish state to get its peace talks with Syria off the

ground. In Kiev Mr. Rabin was to meet Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma, Prime Minister Yevgeny Marchuk and Defence Minister Valery Chmarov and was expected to sign a series of bilateral

accords. Two years ago the two countries drew up technological projects but they have yet to be implemented.

He was also to meet representatives of Ukraine's 500,000-strong Jewish com-munity and visit Babi Yar, site of one of the worst massacres of Jews during World War II. Some 300,000 Ukrainian

Jews have moved to Israel in the past six years and the Jewish state hopes to encourage further immigration. Mr. Rabin also signed a technological cooperation

accord with Moscow during his first visit to Russia in April 1994 but that too has remained a dead letter. Officials say it cannot be implemented while Russia

still prevents the sale of arms and planes to Israel. Israel exported goods worth \$72 million to Russia in 1994, while its imports stood \$32 million.

Chinese deal

megawatt nuclear reactors,

the Chinese ambassador to

Tehran, Huali Ming, said in

an interview Tuesday.
The conservative Iranian

newspaper Ressalat quoted

the ambassador as saying the

two countries signed an

accord on the sale of the

reactors during Iranian Presi-

dent Ali Akbar Hashemi

Rafsanjani's vi 't to China in

China is negotiating the financial arrangements for selling Iran two 300-

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(Continued on page 7) 1992.

#### Lung cancer death rises among

women smokers

NEW YORK (AFP) - The rate of women smokers dying of lung cancer increased sixfold from the 1960s to the 1980s, according to a new study. The rate rose from 26 to 155 per 100,000, while for male smokers it nearly doubled from 187 to 341 per 100,000, said Michael Thun of the American Cancer Society, Mr. Thun and fellow researchers from the Emory University School of Public Health found there was no increase among nonsmokers. They compared the findings of two large studies sponsored by the Cancer Society, one from 1959 to 1965 and another from 1982-88. The increases occurred despite the introduction of lower-tar cigarettes and filters. Any benefits provided by such cigarettes for older smokers have been apparently overwhelmed by more potent adverse changes in smoking behavior and perhaps other factors," the researchers

Indian court rejects actor's plea for bail NEW DELHI (R) — India's Supreme Court said Tuesday it had rejected a plea for bail by film star Sanjay Dutt, arrested in a bomb blast case more than a year ago. The court, which treated a letter by Dutt from prison as a writ petition, said, however, he could challenge the judgement of a Bombay court which rejected his third plea for bail Monday. In his letter, Dutt said he believed it would take 15 to 16 years for his defence evidence to be completed in the Bombay court. Dutt sought a modification of an earlier ruling of Sept. 23, 1994 by the Supreme Court which said be could apply for bail after a special court heard his defence. The special court, set up in 1993 after a series of bomb attacks which killed nearly 300 people in Bombay, has been trying several accused in the case, including Dutt.Dutt is accused of purchasing an assault rifle from the main suspects in the bombings.

#### Passengers mutiny when hurricane ruins cruise LOS ANGELES (AP) -

Hundreds of passengers on.

a cruise ship that skipped exotic Mexican ports to dodge a hurricane mutinied when the captain denied them refunds, refusing to leave the ship and chanting, "hell, no, we won't go" The captain called police and threatened to impound the passengers' luggage. Finally, after six hours of protesting Sunday, they picked up. their bags and went home. "They had to know about the weather, but they said everything was fine until we were out to sea," said Claudette Maiden, on her first vacation in 10 years with her husband, Rodell. Their tickets totaled \$1,700. Most of the 1,700 passengers realised the change in plans was for the best, and the complainers were a noisy minority, Camival spokeswoman Jennifer De La Cruz said from Miami. Carnival offered discounts on future trips and a \$40 shipboard credit during the cruise. The Jubilee left on a seven-day cruise to Mexico. on Sept. 3 as hurricane Henriette was bearing down on Baja California. The next day, the captain announced that the storm had forced a change in the itinerary. Instead of steaming into Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the ship cruised the southern California coast with stops in San Diego, Ensenada, Mexico and Catalina Island, It returned Sunday. Maiden acknowledged that the contract she signed gave the captain the right to make last-minute changes because of weather. But, she said, "I didn't think that meant we would go around in circles for seven days."

# NEWS IN BRIEF

**UNICEF urges Taliban to allow women to work** GENEVA (R) - The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on Tuesday called on Afghanistan's Islamic Taliban moveement, whose forces captured the city of Herat a week ago, to allow women to return to work and girls to attend school there. "Local authorities are not allowing women to work in public positions except for nurses and other health staff," Margharita Amodeo, Unicef spokeswoman, told a news conference in Geneva. "Although schools have reopened, female teachers and girls are not being allowed to enter schools," she added. U.N. agencies have expressed their concern to the Talibans" leadership, whose forces captured the key Western city from pro-government troops on Sept. 5. An Afghan woman employed as a UNICEF project officer in Herat has not been allowed to return to work since then, according to the spokeswoman.

#### Foreigners behind Bahrain unrest --- premier

MANAMA (R) - Bahrain's Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Ben Sulman Al Khalifa said on Monday that acts of violence in Bahrain were instigated by foreign powers. This Highness asserted that there are foreign hands behind the incidents that Bahrain witnessed recently," the official Gulf News Agency said, but did not elaborate. It said Sheikh Khalifa was speaking at a meeting with editors of Bahraini newspapers.

#### Fateh officer stabbed to death in Lebanon

SIDON (R) - The body of an officer of the Fatch group was found on Tuesday near a South Lebanon refugee camp and security sources said he was stabbed to death. They said Lebanese troops discovered the bloodied body of Maarouf Abu Hamadeh, a 40-year-old Fateh officer, in the early morning on the seashore near Rashidiyyeh camp, just south of the port of Tyre, 76 kilometres south of Beirut. It was not immediately known who was behind the killing.

#### Ciller helicopter kills policeman

ISTANBUL (ARP) - A Turkish policeman died Tuesday after being struck by the rotor of a helicopter carrying Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller, hospital officials said. Satilmis Gozen was hit by the rear rotor blade of the helicopter as it was landing at a heliport near a school which Ciller was due to open. He received serious head, neck and shoulder injuries and was taken to the nearby International Hospital. He underwent surgery but died of his injuries, a hospital spokesman said. Ms. Ciller, accompanied by Education Minister Nevzat Ayaz and the chief of police in Istanbul, stayed in the police helicopter until the ambulance left to take Gozen to hospital. She was informed of his death at the hospital when she went to visit

#### Egyptian editor under probe

CAIRO (AP) — The prosecutor general has launched an investigation of the editor of the opposition Al Shaab newspaper for an article he wrote on alleged corruption by a government official. Opposition newspapers said Tuesday that editor Magdi Ahmad Hussein has been called to answer questions on Saturday before the country's chief attorney. The twice weekly Al Shaab, published by the Islamic-oriented opposition Labour Party, is one of the main opposition papers in Egypt. Mr. Hussein is being investigated for an article he wrote last July in which he criticised a minister for corruption and accused the minister's son of taking advantage of his father's position. The minister's name was not revealed in the article.

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In a story dated from Zakho, in northern Iraq, the Iraq-Turkey border.

cratic Party (KDP), which controls the border area.

the PKK leading to clashes with Iraqi Kurds, the agency

after its invasion of Kuwait. PKK rebels began attack-

Gulf war.

The KDP and its rival, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), led by Jaial Talabani, were due to hold talks in Dublin Tuesday to follow up on their accord reached in Drogheda; Ireland, on Aug.

PKK rebels killed two state-paid village guards in separate raids in Turkey's eastern province of Tunceli. army officers said.

#### France: New Zealand shrugs off abusing World Court

Pakistani France angrily accused New Zealand on Tuesday of misdemand of Justice as a forum for political protest against KABUL (AFP) - The French nuclear tests instead Afghan government Tuesday shrugged off Pakistan's demand for an apology over a Marc de Brichambaut, mob attack on its embassy

dead and injured the ambassador and several others. An official statement countered a demand by Pakistan for the restoration of its nuclear contamination. embassy, which was gutted in "Your court is not a tribunthe Sept. 6 attack, and for full protection for diplomats and staff, claiming that a Pakista-ni diplomat had fired on the

crowd sparking the attack. "If an apology is the issue, first of all the Pakistani authorities should apologise for the bullets fired by their diplomat and the murder of an Afghan, the Afghan Foreign Ministry statement said. During the attack, a Pakistani messenger was killed and Ambassador Qazi Humayun and 28 other staff were in-"The French government jured. They were evacuated to Islamabad the following

The statement also protested the alleged involvement of Pakistan's intelligence agency in the fall of the key western Afghan city of Herat to the rebel Talibans Islamic student militia on Sept. 3.

Islamabad had denied the alleged shooting, saying that no embassy staff were armed, as well as involvement with the Talibans. But the Foreign Ministry

has kept up its condemnation of Pakistan, saying in the statement that it was "unpre-

THE HAGUE (Agencies) — further atmospheric tests. New Zealand is now seeking to invoke a clause of this using the International Court ruling which provides for a review if there is a change in the circumstances on which the court based its decision.

of to present legal arguments.-Foreign ministry lawyer opposing New Zealand's bid to get the U.N. court to ban the tests in the South Pacific atoli of Mururoa, said Wellington's legal team had false-France held the first of a ly played on public fears of planned series of eight under-

al of opinion. New Zealand has directed itself to world public opinion... and presented an apocalyptic vi-sion," he told the court's 14 

France, which does not recognise the court's jurisdic-tion, had agreed to take part in preliminary hearings to de-termine whether New Zealand could reopen an earlier case it brought against French tests in the 1970s.

has come to give its views on that topic and that topic alone. I am afraid we have been deceived." He expressed confidence however that the court would rule in France's favour and that New Zealand's case would run no further than the

current preliminary phase. New Zealand ultimately booes to obtain a ruling banning the tests by reopening a case which it brought together with Australia against French atmospheric nuclear tests over 20 years

In 1974 the court decided it no longer needed to hand down a judgment because France had announced it 'would not carry out any

On Monday New Zealand Attorney General Paul East called for a swift end to the French tests, saying they could cause irreparable damage to the region's fragile marine environment.

ground nuclear tests in Mururoa last week, triggering fierce protests around the world. The court is expected to conclude preliminary hearings later on Tuesday and to decide within the next few

grounds for a review of its 1974 ruling. The International Court of Justice is the main judicial organ of the United Nations. In Brussels, France's European Affairs Minister Michel Barnier pledged Tuesday to reply to European Commis-sion demands for extra data

on French nuclear testing in

the South Pacific, but he did

not say when the information

weeks whether there are

would be made available. "We are currently preparing the reply we will make to the European Commission,' Mr. Barnier told reporters in

He gave no date for the French government's re-

The French government had already in August organised a meeting in Paris between European Union (EU) experts and French officials